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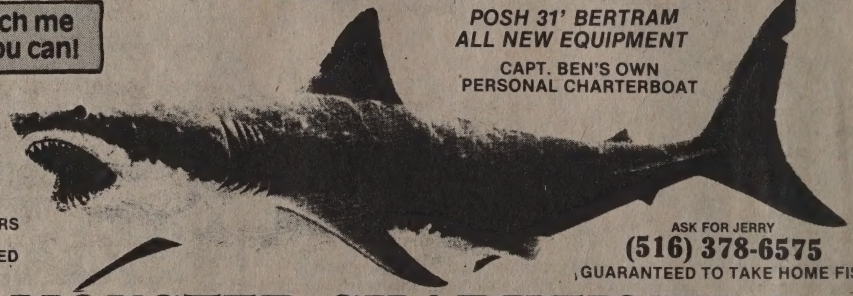

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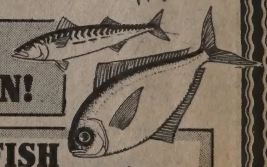

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In the hands of an expert, there is no deadlier lure for trophy stripers than the rigged eel. For tips on rigging the snakes, see this week's Surf column on page 12. Cover photo by Frank Daignault.

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SHARK TAGGING SUMMARY

The 1980 Summary issue of THE SHARK TAGGER newsletter of the Cooperative Shark Tagging Program (National Marine Fisheries Service/ NOAA, Northeast Fisheries Center, Narragansett, RI 02882), records some interesting items. According to John Casey, H.W. Pratt, and C. Stillwell, a total of 5,236 sharks representing 34 species were tagged and released during 1980 under the program. Incidentally, 253 bony fishes of 11 species were also tagged and released.

Most (95%) of the tagging/release work is carried out by volunteers. Similarly, most of the later recoveries are made by anglers (48%); U.S. commercial fishermen recovered 33% and foreign commercial fishermen recovered the remaining 19%.

The recoveries totalled 146, representing 14 species of sharks and 2 species of bony fishes. Recaptures were of blue sharks (87), sandbar sharks (14), shortfin mako sharks (10), blacktip sharks (7), tiger sharks (4), dusky sharks (4), and others (14). Five tagged swordfish and one tagged white marlin were also recaptured.

Amazingly, one tag recovered from a sandbar shark had remained attached for longer than 15 years. Also impressive is the predilection exhibited by a number of sharks of several species for movements covering distances of several thousands of miles between points of tagging and release and subsequent recapture. For example, one blue shark was found to have travelled across the Atlantic a minimum of 3,630 miles in a 9-month period. Another blue shark transatlantic movement of 3,150 miles was recorded in 483 days. Possible round trip movements between North America and Europe of about 9,500 miles were suggested by some recapture data. Several sandbar shaks showed movements of 1,000-1,500 miles. One dusky shark travelled at least 1,464 miles.

Anyone interested in further details should write to Jack Casey at the address noted above and request a copy of the cited newsletter. It makes for interesting reading, reflecting the good work being done through the program.

THE WORLD'S FAIR FLOTILLA 12-4

A thirteen-lesson course on boat handling, navigation, and related subjects will be given by the USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 12-4, starting on Wednesday, September 16, 7:45 p.m., at the Martin Van Buren High School, Hillside Ave. & 231st Street. Lectures are free and will be held every Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. There will be a $2 fee to the school for registration; books and materials are optional at a small fee.

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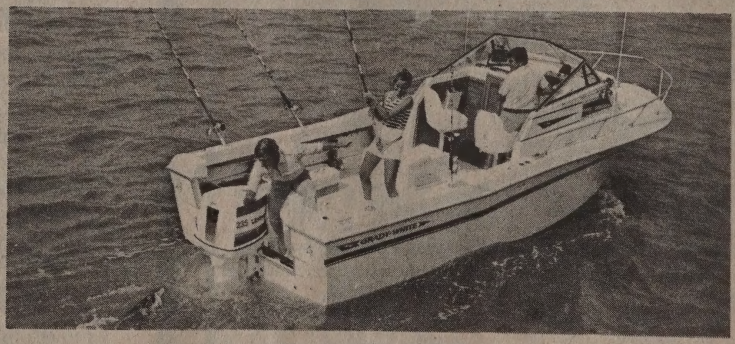

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Because the book contains the complete text of the Navigational Rules Act, it can be carried on vessels to comply with the requirement that all vessels over a specified length have a copy of the Rules on board. The Coast Guard is currently proposing that all vessels over 12 meters (approximately 39 ft.) in length carry a copy of the Rules.

The retail price of the book is $10, plus $1 for mail orders. Multiple copy discounts are available.

For information about the book or the other films, slide/tape presentations, and specially scheduled seminars on the Rules, contact Houston Marine Consultants, Inc., 1600 20th Street, Kenner, LA 70062; (504) 469-9013.

MSRC ASKS PUBLIC TO AVOID RESEARCH RAFTS

Floating in Smithtown Bay are four rafts that could make an important contribution to society's future. But for now, scientists at the Marine Sciences Research Center (MSRC) at the State University of New York at Stony Brook are asking the public to give these structures a wide berth.

The rafts were placed in the Bay west of the Smithtown fishing reef in early July. They are part of MSRC's research on the feasibility of growing seaweed to be harvested for the commercial production of seaweed-based natural gas. The scientists would like the public to avoid boating, fishing, or deploying lobster pots around these rafts, where the seaweed is grown. In addition to damaging the seaweed, they warn, lobster pots, fishing lines, and the anchors of boats that try to pass through the area could become tangled and snared by the rafts and their mooring cables.

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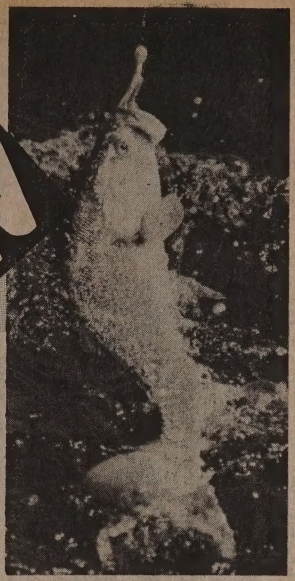

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THIS WEEK'S WINNING NUMBER IS:

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NATIONAL SCENE

CRACK DOWN ON TUGS

by Al Ristori

The recent tragedy in which a 36' cabin cruiser was reportedly run down by a barge off the Connecticut coast is just another in a series of such incidents that have been occurring over the years. This one came to the public's attention because five people died—and one survived to tell the story! However, the reckless behavior of some ocean-going tugs is a disgrace—and something which the Coast Guard should take a long overdue look into.

Since this column is being written a couple of weeks before you will see it, the results of the inquiry aren't available to me. However, one thing that seems likely is that the tug involved was not manning its radar. Indeed, that seems to be a common problem wtih these tugs. I ran into a similar experience last summer while fishing aboard a friend's boat out of Atlantic Beach. We were on our way to fish the "Virginia" wreck in fairly thick summer fog when the owner suddenly pulled the throttle all the way back, stalling the engine. Just ahead of us was the stern of a tug; and while we would miss the tug, our powerless boat drifted right over the hawser to an unseen barge. With the hawser hung up on our shaft, we were seemingly doomed to be run over by whatever was at the end of it!

Our shouts at the departing tug brought no response and we were in a quandary as to what to do. Should we jump with life preservers now and risk being sucked under the tug, or should we wait for the impact and hope to jump clear? Fortunately, just as the barge was appearing out of the fog, one of the crew rememberd a switch to another set of batteries. The engine was started, but the single screw boat couldn't be backed off the hawser. Our last shot was to rev up the engine and shoot ahead. Miraculously, the prop cut the hawser and we broke free just in the nick of time!

Though it later turned out that the prop was cupped and there was some damage to the shaft, we weren't leaking and proceeded to the wreck. In the meantime, we found that our radar had never been adjusted properly before we left—which was why we were showing no targets. Just as we anchored up about a half hour later, the tug appeared out of the dissipating fog. They had come over to us to ask if we had seen the barge they'd lost!

It seems that we were the only boat they could find on their radar. There were at least six crew members on the bridge at that time, but there had been no lookouts to see or hear us when we came up on their stern. That no one was watching the radar in that athick fog was also obvious, as they never knew we were caught on their hawser—and had lost their tow for some time before they ever realized it! Beyond all that, they weren't even sounding a fog horn.

Just two weeks after that incident, another friend from the same area had an accident with a tug and barge. Fortunately, their Bertram was literally slingshot off the taut cable (if cable had been used in our case I might not be writing this piece) with many thousands of dollars in damage resulting. After talking about our experience on my WCBS-Am radio program, a lawyer wrote to me about a case he's involved in which resulted in the death of an individual aboard a sailboat run down by a barge in the New York Harbor area. In talking about this situation with various captains, I soon found that everyone knew of horror stories involving tugs.

During the winter I resolved to look into the matter further, particularly after hearing from a party with the right connections that tugboat crews routinely sack out after clearing the harbor and pay little attention to the rules of good seamanship from then on. At the New York Boat Show I asked the Coast Guard rep who I should write to in regard to this matter. I was given a name and wrote to that individual—never receiving the courtesy of a reply. A couple of months later I wrote to the Admiral in charge of the Coast Guard District and eventually received a reply from one of the officers in his command. The answer was rather cavalier, shrugging off the problem as being no problem at all. He claimed that they had no list of accidents specifically involving tugs, and that there would be no problem if recreational sailors would pay attention to the signals indicating that a tug has a barge in tow. I had asked about what could be done to make the tug and tow more obvious on a radar screen in the fog, but that question wasn't answered.

Giant Tuna Daily Limit Goes Up

Once again the giant tuna fishery in the northern sector (Cape Cod north) has gotten off to a slow start, with the result that the daily catch limit has been raised to three giants per day. The season started off with a one fish per vessel limit, but the catch has been so far below the seasonal norm that the higher catch limit was shot all the way up to three as of August 10th. This daily limit will remain in effect until at least September 7. If the catch is still sub-par at that time the limit will be raised to four.

As of August 7, only 291 giants, or 12% of the 2,400 fish quota had been taken. As much as 17% could have been taken for the three-fish limit to still go into effect. It's interesting to note that just a few years ago even the one fish limit wasn't enough to keep the quota from being filled by early September. Fueled by ever-increasing pressure, the decline in population has taken its toll. Some significant action by the National Marine Fisheries Service to preserve young bluefins is long overdue—and if it isn't taken shortly we'll see even greater shortages in years to come. Incidentally, the change in the northern limit applies only to the general category. There is no change in the regulations for the special harpoon and charter boat categories; and the southern quota remains at five per week.

Tuna Protection Bill Introduced in Senate

According to the National Coalition for Marine Conservation, Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT) introduced the U.S. Tuna Protection Act in the Senate on July 31. This bill simply amends the 200-Mile Limit Act by deleting language excluding tunas from U.S. fisheries jurisdiction. This would allow our government to actually control the tuna fisheries off our shores and to stop the slaughter of 7,000 pre-spawning giant tuna in the Gulf of Mexico each winter by Japanese longliners—while American fishermen are unable to fill a much smaller limit during the season.

Co-sponors of the bill are Senators Kennedy (D-MA), Tsongas (D-MA), Chafee (R-RI), Pell (D-RI), Hawkins (R-FL), Chiles (D-FL), Roth (R-DE), Warner (R-VA), Hollings (D-SC), and Bradley (D-NJ). The bill number wasn't available as I was writing this, but it's still not too soon to ask your Senators to sign on as co-sponsors of this vital legislation. In the local area, we need letters to Senators Dodd (D-CT), Moynihan (D-NY), D'Amato (R-NY), and Williams (D-NJ).

FLUKE RESEARCH

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE FLUKE - OR SUMMER FLOUNDER IS FOUND FROM NOVA SCOTIA TO FLORIDA, BUT IS MOST ABUNDANT BETWEEN CAPE HATTERAS AND CAPE COD. SEASONAL MIGRATIONS ARE TEMPERATURE PROMPTED WITH FLATTIES MOVING OFFSHORE AND SOUTH IN WINTER AND INSHORE AND NORTH IN SUMMER.

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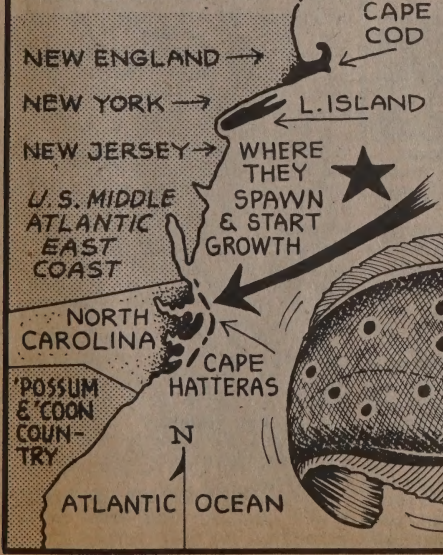

FLUKE PROVIDE LIVELY ACTION, ESPECIALLY ON LIGHT TACKLE, AND ARE CAUGHT PRIMARILY BOTTOM FISHING WITH BAIT: SQUID, WORMS, SHINERS, CLAMS, SANDEELS AND KILLIES. THEY OFTEN HIT JIGS, SPOONS AND SPINNERS.

SPORTFISHERMEN CATCH FLUKE FROM SHORE AS WELL AS FROM ALL KINDS OF BOATS SUCH AS 130-FT. PARTY BOATS, 50-FT. CHARTER BOATS OR 10-FT. ROWBOATS.

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ABOVE INFORMATION & STATS SUPPLIED BY STUART J. WILK IN THE *"UNDERWATER NATURALIST"* BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY.

FISH TALK

SEPTEMBER WINNER

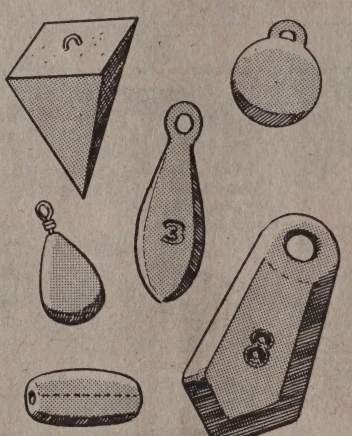
by William A. Muller

GEORGE PAYEZ of Seaford, N.Y. "I am twelve-years-old and I have been a subscriber to LIF for two years. I would like to know about the differences in sinkers. I've seen sashweights, drails, bank sinkers, pyramids, split shots, etc. However, I need to know under what conditions these sinkers are used."

GEORGE, WE HOPE YOU CATCH A MESS OF FISH WITH THE SIGMA REEL. Fishing has been getting more and more complex during the last few decades. The innovations of plastics, electronics, and other equipment has helped fishermen to become more and more aware of the art and science of angling. This has led to refinements of techniques and the improvement and elaboration of existing techniques and equipment. Fifty years ago a fisherman might use only one type of sinker in his fishing; but today the smart fisherman owns an array of the lead shapes in order to do the best job possible. Unfortunately, the stocks of many species has also declined and this has caused many fishermen to work harder at the sport and that means each angler owns several and perhaps many rods and reels, a variety of hooks and lures, many types of sinkers, etc., etc.

CAN'T COVER IT ALL. We don't have the space for a complete thesis on sinkers, but we can get you started. From there you can check the column of Matt Ahern and many of the articles that we publish for more details. I know Matt regularly does a review of sinkers and their uses and perhaps his column, more than any other column or article that might appear in LIF, will be very helpful on this topic. Let's begin with the pyramid sinker. For the most part, this sinker is used in surf fishing because the pyramid shape helps the fisherman to hold bottom against the sweep of the tide and the wave action. You see pyramids aren't as likely to roll because of the flat sides. Drails are a type of sinker, but most fishermen do not usually think of them in that way. Instead they are considered in a separate category called drails. In general we use drails to get a bait down deep, but not necessarily to the bottom. A drail might come in handy when fishing a live bunker, shad, herring, or eel from a drift boat or one that is anchored in a swift current. I have also used drails when clam chumming in a strong current and again, the purpose was to get the bait down deep, but not on the bottom.

SPLIT SHOTS. Actually, split shots are used in a similar way except on a more miniature scale. When we are using a small bait such as spearing, killie, worm, etc., we may need for the bait to be less affected by turbulence or to be certain that no fishing time is lost while waiting for a light bait to sink slowly. The typical use of split shot is in snapper fishing where we want the spearing to sink



below the surface and stay there while still supported by the float. We might also add a split shot to a light or floating lure in order to get it to run just a bit below the surface.

SASHWEIGHTS. In each category there are other uses and so, too, with the use of sashweights. However, I don't think we'll get too much argument when we say that the most common use of sashweights is in deep sea fishing—especially tilefishing. The tilefish has a very specific habitat requirement in the submarine canyon. Locally anglers fish the Hudson submarine canyon and the fish are usually found at a depth of 135' to 150' (give or take a little). Sashweights are used here to get the bait down as fast and as straight as possible. (Lighter sinkers might be tossed and diverted by variable currents down deep.) When fishermen pursue tilefish for fun, they rig the sashweights so that they can be disengaged when a fish is on. However, this practice can get expensive. (Some tilefishermen use old soda and beer cans filled with cement or lead instead). However, in most cases the fish are winched up to the surface for market and because of the extreme pressure changes the fish die within a few seconds of the initial lift.

BANK SINKERS. Most inshore fishermen will use bank sinkers. These are typically eight-sided, pear-shaped sinkers and they are commonly used in weights from one-half to sixteen ounces. These sinkers will roll on bottom in turbulence but will not hang up except in very rocky conditions. They are adaptable to many different bottom fishing situations and, therefore, are very popular. Most tackle shops inventory this type of sinker in great numbers and a variety of sizes.

THERE ARE OTHERS. One sinker style that is very popular in the Great South Bay is the egg sinker. This is a sinker shaped like an egg with a hole going through the middle. The sinker is at once a weight and a fish finder rig. Fish can nibble on the bait and not feel the resistance of the sinker because the line slides through the sinker. A similar sinker is the rubber core sinker. In general the same idea. Oblong sinkers are also used in surf fishing with bait, where there is little turbulence and considerable rocks. The oblong sinker will tend to slide around the rocks better than a pyramid or teardrop shape. There are also flat-sided sinkers. That is, a sinker with one flat side and the other side is round. Fluke fishermen often prefer this type because it glides across the sand better. In recent years, flounder fishermen have begun to use it because it allows them to lift and drop and produce a much larger puff of mud. This sinker has a distinct disadvantage in very soft mud because it will stick very well. Diamond shaped sinker are also still quite common, although at one time they were once much more popular among offshore bottom fishermen than they are today.

WELL, THAT'S OUR BRIEF REVIEW. We hope it gets you started. There are a variety of books that go into this in detail. Our books, **Fishing For Flounder, Fishing for Weakfish** and **Fishing for Fluke** give some additional information, as do most books.

BERNARD HOGAN OF TOMS RIVER, N.J. An interesting letter, Bernard and we're sorry that it wasn't

selected as a reel winner. Nonetheless, the readers should benefit from it. "As an avid surf fisherman, I have read, with great interest and some confusion, remarks made about special modifications in surf equipment—reels in particular. I know that it is common practice to replace certain drag washers with Teflon washers. I also know about a process that calls for the use of toothpaste which is ground around and around as the fisherman turns the handle. When the fisherman is done, the reel is totally cleaned and lubed. The abrasive substances in the toothpaste is supposed to grind away the small irregularities in the gears. I'm sure there is a joke about having fewer saltwater cavities as a result. Aside from these measures, what can a surf fishermen do to modify equipment?"

WHERE TO BEGIN!?!? Let's start with the toothpaste. We, too, have heard about this but have refrained from trying it so far. Frankly, when we find a good reel and maintain it, we seldom have difficulties that might be helped by the toothpaste—but that's a different story. Where would you like me to start? We could talk about web belt modifications, we could talk about neck lights, we could talk about plug bags, and of course, rods and reels. Let's assume that the intent of your letter was to uncover information about reel modification. If there is interest out there, we can go into the other tidbits in future columns.

THE CRACK. I won't belabor the several fine articles that we have published in recent years about the modification of the Crack surf reels. It is a reel that has been much modified because it is perhaps the most popular surf reel among expert surf men. In brief, the reel is popular because it is durable and simple and people modify it by putting on a manual bail, sealing certain sections, and adding holes in others for better drainage. True Teflon washers are the single most common reel modification, but it isn't always that easy. I prefer several old Garcia 489 reels for surf fishing. I have a number of reasons for this but I won't take up space now (I need to note that I haven't tried the Garcia surf reels since the company changed hands). Anyway, I had several unique problems. Although there was a lot of advice available on how to convert a Crack, few surfmen tried playing with my reel. So I had to start from scratch. I needed a manual roller, but even though Garcia makes a roller, it didn't make one for this model. I also wanted Teflon washers, but the washers weren't a simple donut. These washers have an irregular shape—with three grooves on the inside circle. The problems go on and on. In short, I solved my problems with tons of help from my fishing buddy Bob Krauss who, among other things, is an expert mechanic. The result is a great reel.

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TO RIG A SNAKE

by Mike Campanelli

As the eel came through the water, moving along the muddy bottom in a slow S movement, it was stopped short by a good sized bass. But the bass, not the eel, was surprised as the head hook of a rigged eel completely pierced its lower jaw. After a short struggle against the old conventional, the large fish lay at the fisherman's feet on the bar. The rigged eel hanging from the beached fish's mouth was still in good enough shape to fish the rest of the night.

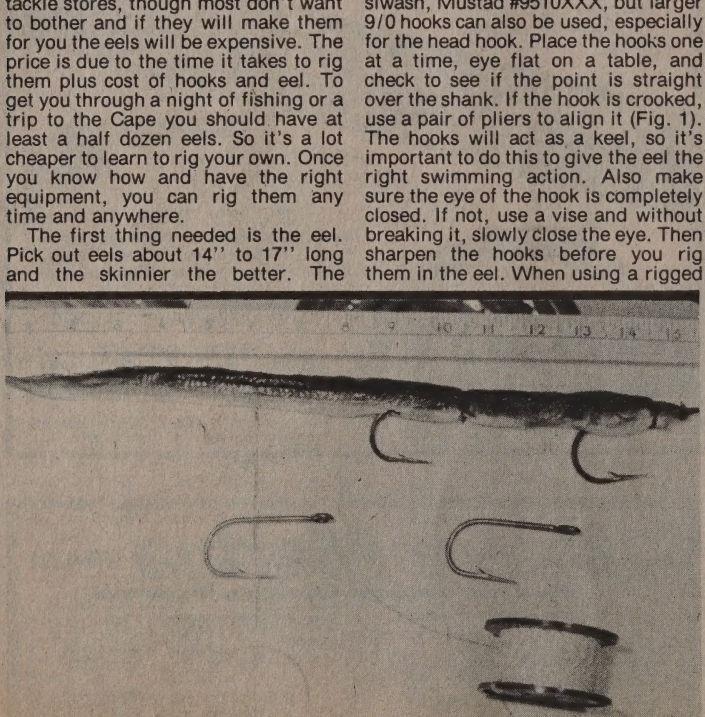
It is a well known fact that live eels are a top bass bait, but a rigged eel fished slow with a rhythmic raising and lowering of the rod tip as the eel is retrieved can be deadly. Used from jetties or on the quiet back bays and especially at the Cape where it is a favorite, this half-plug, half-bait works wonders.

You can buy rigged eels at some tackle stores, though most don't want to bother and if they will make them for you the eels will be expensive. The price is due to the time it takes to rig them plus cost of hooks and eel. To get you through a night of fishing or a trip to the Cape you should have at least a half dozen eels. So it's a lot cheaper to learn to rig your own. Once you know how and have the right equipment, you can rig them any time and anywhere.

The first thing needed is the eel. Pick out eels about 14'' to 17'' long and the skinnier the better. The finished eel with hooks should weigh approximately four ounces. To be sure, use a small kitchen or mail scale, weighing both eels and hooks before rigging. You may not be able to use half the eels you buy, but keeping them in an aerated tank for a week or two will starve them down and help achieve the right weight. If you're using conventional gear the eel can be heavier than four ounces. In fact, the 542 Harnell conventional blank is ideal for rigged eels.

After picking out the eels, put them in a plastic bag with a couple of crushed cigarettes and some water; this will kill them in a short time. Take the eels and lay them in some salt which will help remove most of the slime and make it easier to work with them. The salt can also be used to clean your hands when finished.

The hooks to be used are two 8/0 siwash, Mustad #9510XXX, but larger 9/0 hooks can also be used, especially for the head hook. Place the hooks one at a time, eye flat on a table, and check to see if the point is straight over the shank. If the hook is crooked, use a pair of pliers to align it (Fig. 1). The hooks will act as a keel, so it's important to do this to give the eel the right swimming action. Also make sure the eye of the hook is completely closed. If not, use a vise and without breaking it, slowly close the eye. Then sharpen the hooks before you rig them in the eel. When using a rigged eel it's a good idea to check and file the hooks if need be between casts.

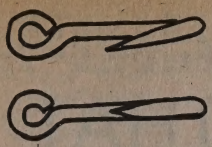


The basic tools required for rigging an eel.

Fifty pound dacron will be used for the sewing and rigging, a small spool of it is all you need. I use the rear half of the line stripped from my conventional reels at the end of the season.

A large bait needle, about 12'' is needed. You can simply make one from the straight part of a coat hanger, by sharpening one end to a point and flattening and drilling a small hole at the other end for an eye. Curved upholstery needles are needed to sew the eel; these can be found in any sewing department of most stores or even your wife's sewing kit.

Take a towel and wet it down, working on a wet surface will help keep the eel damp and easier to work with. Cut a piece of dacron three times the length of the eel being used. Double the line and taking the two ends, pass them through the eye of the hook. Now pass the ends of the line through the loop on the side of the hook eye and pull tight. Since this will be the tail hook, make sure the hook does not come free of the line (Fig. 2). Put one of the free ends of the line through the eye of the bait needle, and make a square knot with both ends. Push the point of the needle into the vent hole of the eel and through the body and out the mouth. You will have to do a little pushing to get the eye of the hook into the vent. Pick up the second hook and put its point into the eel's mouth so that it passes over the top of the eel's tongue. Pinching the bottom of the eel's throat will form a crease just in front of the pectoral fins. Force the point of the hook out of this crease, leaving just the eye of the hook showing at the eel's mouth. Take care not to pierce the two strands of line. Cut the line from the needle and pass the ends through the eye of the head hook, then back around the shank and through the eye again securing the reak hook to the head hook (Fig. 3). Don't cut the line yet. Check the eel to see that you didn't make the line too short or too long. You want the rear hook to exit the eel at the beginning of the head. Once you have that right, hold the head hook by the eye and push the eel's head back exposing the shank of the hook. Using both strands of line you tied to the head hook, now make a series of half hitches along the shank for roughly 1½'', adding extra hitches at the end and middle. Finish with a square knot (Fig. 4). Push the



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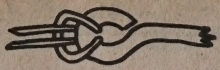

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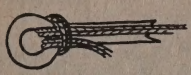

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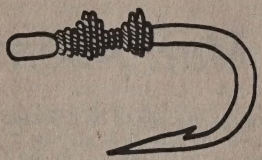

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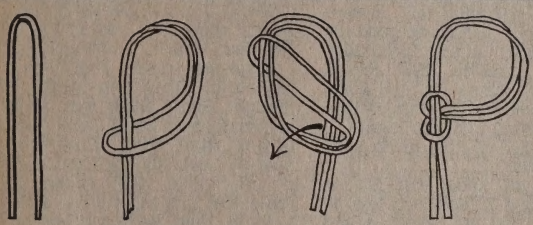

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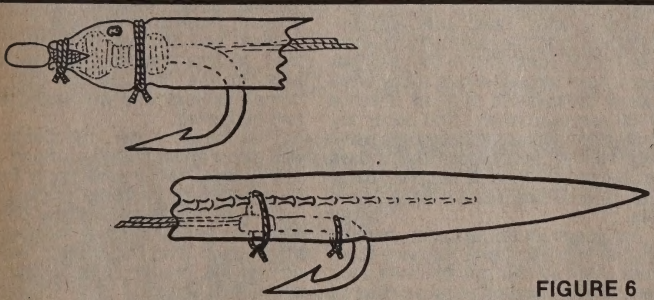

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hook back into the eel's mouth so that the first bump (formed by the extra hitches) is positioned at the eel's eyes. Those two bumps on the shank will keep the eel attached and in place on the head hook cast after cast.

Cut a length of line and make a butcher's knot (Fig. 5). Slip this knot over the mouth of the eel and tighten, separate the ends and wrap them in opposite directions; finish with a square knot. Repeat again, but slip the knot behind the eyes this time. When done right, the eyes should have popped on the eel and all knots should be on the bottom of the eel (Fig. 6).

Now you'll need a couple of lengths of line for sewing the eel with the upholstery needle. Turning the eel over, straighten and center the tail hook. Push the needle into the eel's stomach and through the eye of the hook and around the backbone and out one side. Tie a square knot. Repeat again but on the opposite side using the same hole for the needle entry through the stomach. With one more length of line sew the shank of the rear hook, by the vent, to the eel. This will keep the hole from tearing and getting bigger.

To help make sure all knots are tight and avoid cutting yourself, cover your fingers with medical tape. If you have trouble getting tight knots, try a pair of pliers instead of your hands. The first time you rig an eel should take about an hour; with practice you can do a rigging job in twenty minutes.

Once you have the eel rigged, take it and bend its tail till it cracks; do this from the tail hook all the way to the tip. This little trick will impart a better swimming action when working the eel.

To keep the eels fresh after rigging, just put them in a cooler on ice. You can also keep them in the freezer between trips and remove them as needed. When the eel gets damaged or starts to come apart, just cut the hooks out and rig a new eel.

So if you have a favorite jetty, point, or bar try working it with a rigged eel.

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MORE THIS AND THAT

by Matt Ahern

There are few fishermen among us who have not become discouraged by the number of short fluke we've been catching these past few years. I guess I wouldn't be far off base if I said that there have been trips when shorts were all we caught. And because of this, I've been hearing from many disgruntled fishermen.

Not only do a majority of the letters I receive voice this complaint, but as the season progresses and the shorts become more numerous, the old telephone on the wall does become insistent in its ringing. There is nothing so sad as a fisherman who spends a bundle to catch fish, catches them, and then must by law return them as quickly as possible. No ifs, ands, or buts permitted.

Those fishermen who get in touch offer many suggestions to remedy the situation. These range from allowing a certain number of shorts to be possessed on each trip, say six, to lowering the legal length from fourteen inches to thirteen—even twelve. If this were done, these fishermen claim, most fellows would be happy enough. It sounds good on the surface, but in my estimation, it really isn't.

You and I know that should the law retain its 14'' decree and yet allow us to have in our possession six, 12'' shorts, let's say, the instant a thirteen incher is decked, one of those previously-caught smaller fluke is going overboard. Which isn't too bad if the fish is alive; but if it is dead, the law's purpose to increase the fluke supply by getting at least one spawning season from these small fish is defeated.

As for reducing the legal length to thirteen inches, it would only take the passage of a year or two before many fishermen would be demanding another reduction, simply because most of the fluke they catch would be less than thirteen inches. Again, the nature of the law would be defeated.

I believe the law as it stands is a good law, as tough as it may be to take sometimes. Better we should devote our energy to have each fluke-fishing state along the Eastern Seaboard pass a similar law. Everyone would benefit. It does no good for a New York fisherman's temperament to watch his close-by New Jersey brothers take all the shorts they wish, while he must return his. Unquestionably that is adding insult to injury.

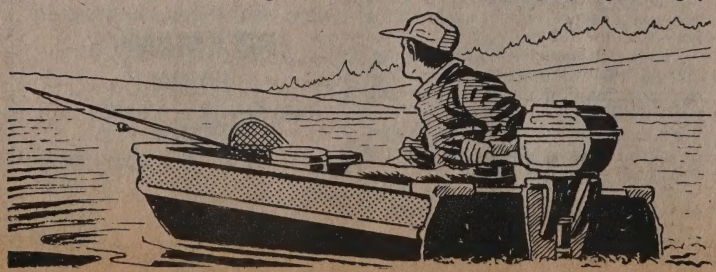
Now—what has all this to do with old-time fishing?

Well...did you know that at one time there was a fifteen inch law on fluke? Let me tell you about it and how it came about.

Those who read this column faithfully (and they are legion) know that I often comment on the fact that those fluke we call shorts today were indeed conspicuous by their absence 50-60 years ago when I first began my fishing life. Fishermen aboard a party boat fishing Sandy Hook those days seldom caught fluke under 1½ lbs. It was rare to see fluke smaller than this.

For years we fellows went happily on our way, decking our nice-sized fluke with no thought of runts ever getting into our butter tubs. Then in 1939 my buddy Artie Leidecker told me of a fluke-fishing paradise we'd never fished before: Broad Channel. And, he added, if we knew what was good for us, we had better give it a try. For Artie to suggest such a trip was unusual, for he is not a skiff fisherman in the true sense of the word. Artie likes deep ocean water under him when he fishes.

So when he suggested Broad Channel for fluke, I knew the fishing had to be exceptional. "I got it from the grapevine," he told me. "We better try it first, though, before we tell the other guys because maybe somebody's pulling my leg. One guy claims he got over eighty last week."



Even for those days, eighty fluke was a good catch in anyone's book, so with that in mind we made arrangements and several mornings later we rowed out into the waters of Broad Channel. I remember we dropped the anchor about 500' west of the bridge. (No need to drift, Artie said.)

Artie was right. The fishing was fantastic. Only one slight hitch, though. Every fluke was about ten inches long. I don't recall anything larger than that. Fishermen in near-by rowboats were actually filling potato sacks with these fish. I remember that as we lifted each small fluke in, there were a dozen or more curious fluke following behind. I couldn't recall anything like it.

Well, you can bet we didn't stay long. In less than an hour we were back in the car and on the way home—fishless; and wondering what had happened.

That fall or winter, the Conservation Department placed a fifteen inch law on fluke, for it wasn't only Broad Channel which harbored these small fish—they had blanketed the bottom of every bay and creek throughout Long Island. The Department wanted no repeat of the past summer's assinine slaughter.

The next year the small fluke were back but not in such great numbers. And I remember the Conservation Department rigidly enforced that fifteen inch law. Then came Pearl Harbor and we went to war. In 1942, the 15'' law was rescinded. The Powers-That-Be felt it was better for citizens to eat short fluke than it was to place a drain on the Armed Forces' food supply. Every little bit helped the war effort. And that was the way it remained until 15-20 years ago when the law was again applied—only this time the legal length became fourteen inches.

Enough of this short-fluke business for now. It's time to get to other things.

Those of us who have fished for awhile have exposed ourselves at one time or another to close calls. Most of these instances are due to our own carelessness. Therefore, it behooves all of us to keep a sharp eye to windward. But sometimes we become involved through no fault of our own.

What follows is a case in point.

During the days when I was growing up in the fishing game, Prohibition was the law of the land.

No need for me to go into why it didn't work, for the reasons have been hashed and rehashed so many times it becomes boring to even think about. But I've got to tell you of one fellow who attempted to brighten somber Depression-ridden days.

I only knew this gentleman by the name of Gustaf. He was a burly, good-natured, past middle-age Swede. Gustaf made bathtub gin; not to sell, but to bring cheer to his friends—of which he had many, as you can imagine.

Gustaf was a great codfishing fan and to fortify himself against the winter elements, he always brought along a plentiful supply of his homemade stuff. His trouble was that he brought along so much of it, and he had so many friends (old and freshly-established), that before we got out to the fishing grounds, he and many of those friends would be pretty well looped.

Gustaf's best friend was the skipper of the Rose R II out of Canarsie. Rumor had it that they were boyhood chums in their native Sweden. The skipper didn't drink—period! But Gustaf's drinking often became a thorn in the captain's side. And because I was mate aboard the Rose R II at the time, I would often have my hands full when Gustaf became overly musical and boisterous.

One rip-roaring winter day on our return from the Cholera Bank, Gustaf thought this an appropriate time to stand on the bow and give vent to his feelings. The seas came crashing over the bow and Gustaf quickly became soaked. His heavy overcoat offered little protection. But this didn't lessen his enthusiasm.

Finally, the skipper called me. "Get that fool into the pilot house before he goes overboard. We've got the inlet coming up." After much coaxing and pleading, plus a superhuman effort to release his grip on the bow rail, I got him started. By the time I got Gustaf into the pilot house, I was just as soaked through. It was enough to make me want to take a snort or two myself.

"Now you stay put, Gustaf," the skipper ordered. "If you go overboard in this sea, you're a dead man. Marty, stay here and keep an eye on him."

I don't know if you've ever brought a boat through Rockaway Inlet when the sea gets up on its hind legs and roars, but my advice is not to unless you absolutely know your inlet and the boat under you.

With the banging and clanging going on about me, my thoughts weren't on Gustaf. I was finding it difficult just to remain standing for the next quarter-mile when I knew we would be through the worst of it. Suddenly there came the crash of breaking glass. Gustaf's head had gone through the port-side pilot house window.

There poor Gustaf hung, knees buckled, helpless, arms dangling at his sides, his bull-like neck resting on the sill. Long, jagged shards of glass gleamed wickedly about his bare head. I was certain Gustaf's throat had been pierced. For a brief instant I felt a shiver. Fleet-footed Death had side-stepped into our pilot house.

I tugged and pulled, but Gustaf's 200 limp pounds were too much for me, but with the skipper's aid, I got his head inside. Miracle of miracles. Not a scratch did Gustaf have except for a tiny cut in the shape of a cross which flamed on the bridge of his nose. That sodden, tightly-buttoned overcoat had deflected instant death for Gustaf.

Gustaf had fainted, but when he regained consciousness, he appeared to be as sober as the proverbial judge. When I later produced a mirror and showed him the cross-like cut and explained what had happened, he gave a slight tremor and said: "By golly, Marty boy, I'm glad I didn't forget to say my prayers last night. Maybe I shouldn't drink so much at that."

From that day on, I never saw Gustaf take another drink and soon after he went out of the free bathtub gin business. Gustaf might have lost some fair-weather friends, but as he later told me, he didn't need a ton of bricks to fall on him.

So...there are two more stories of the old days. There'll be more.

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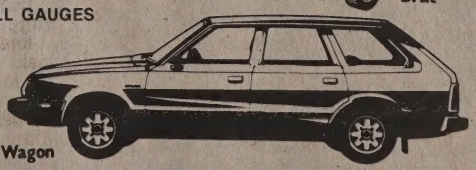

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Self Bailing Vs. Bilge Pumps

by Bob Whittier

At any large boat show, one can see a number of console fishing boats. The advertising placards on some of them will proclaim that the boats in question feature self-bailing cockpits.

If one takes these claims at face value, it would be easy and reasonable to conclude that with such a feature built into one's boat, one should be able to head out to sea and have no worries about the appearance of bad weather. The self-draining cockpit would clear itself of water that might come aboard from rain and spray, and one could cruise on and on come what may in the way of squalls and seas.

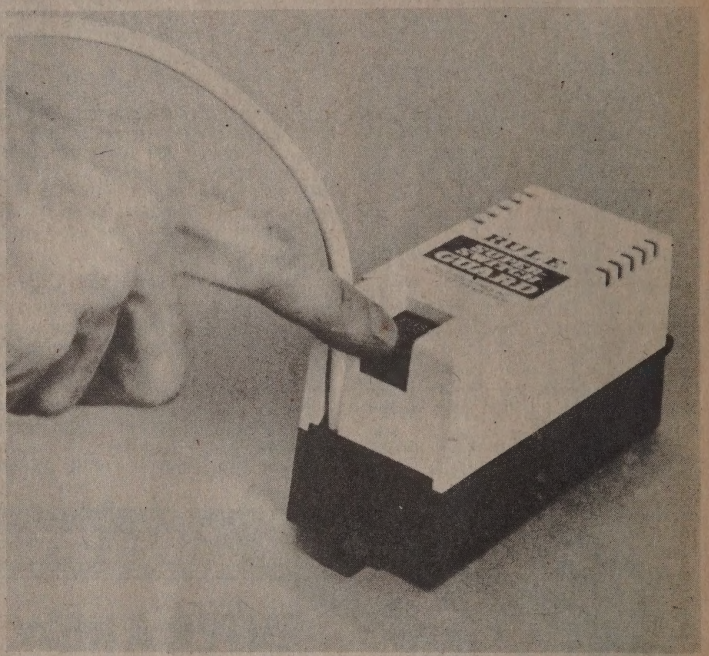
Well...**maybe!**

It comes down to the fact that the words "self-bailing" can be interpreted in various ways. This thought apparently has not occurred to all big-water fishing enthusiasts.

In most cases, cockpit drainage is afforded by the incorporation of one of the standard brass-and-rubber transom drain plugs. These usually have an internal diameter of 7/8". By actual test with three or four inches of water in the cockpit (typical of what one might find after a curling wave has raked over a boat), it has been found that water will flow through an opening this size at a rate of about 270 gallons per hour.

This may at first sound impressive and reassuring. But consider! If there's three inches of water in a cockpit measuring 5' wide by 17' long, there will be over 150 gallons of water aboard. So it will take about half an hour to drain that water. That can be very much too long a time when a squall is blowing, and between the waves under it and the sloshing around of the cockpit water, the boat is on the verge of becoming unmanageable.

Many larger sport fishing and commercial craft have self-bailing cockpits, but it is important for the small boat operator to realize there is a difference. Drainage in such cases is usually through several scuppers, all located at least several inches and often a foot or more above the water line. Due to their large area, the amount of water likely to come aboard the aft cockpit of a large boat that is closed in up forward by its cabin, can flow out readily enough. And sea water seldom rises on the sides of such boats high and long enough for any significant quantity to come in through the scuppers.



Several firms make small electric bilge pumps. One of these can prove to be a vital piece of safety equipment aboard a boat used on open water.

In contrast, in many smaller boats claimed to be self-bailing, the cockpit floor will be found to be only perhaps two or three inches above the water line. When such a boat is empty and at rest at its mooring, it is perfectly true that rain water will trickle out through the transom drain plug at a rate sufficient to keep the boat from sinking during the night.

But when this boat goes out to sea with a heavy load of passengers, gasoline and equipment aboard, it can be a different situation. If the fishing is good, there could be an added one or two hundred pounds of load in the cockpit. Or a large storm wave may suddenly dump gallons and gallons of water into the big, fully-open cockpit. And a long run against a nasty chop can make the level of spray water accumulating under the floorboards quite appreciable.

When such a boat thus is forced to settle just two or three inches in the water, the sea can start flowing steadily **in** through the "self-bailing" drain hole! A boat can be "self-bailing" under the calm conditions found in a mooring basin and it may or **may not** be self-bailing under adverse conditions out to sea! Some salesmen may not point out this small—but vital—point when you are a-shoppin' for a boat!

So before accepting as gospel truth anyone's claim that a particular boat has a self-bailing cockpit, ask him, "Is that so? Under **what** conditions and **what** is the rate of outflow?"

Rather than allow yourself to be hypnotized by the sales-talk phrase "self-bailing," it might be better to take a good look at the small but powerful electric bilge pumps now on the market. They operate from the storage battery carried aboard every larger outboard boat fitted with an electric starter. They can get rid of anywhere from 750 to 1800 gallons of cockpit water an hour. This is really useful self-bailing! Fitted with automatic switches, they will turn on when needed, even if you are pre-occupied with handling the boat in a squall. When not need, they shut themselves off to save the battery.

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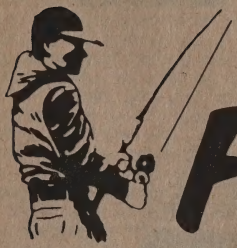

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SPECIES	NAME	ADDRESS	WEIGHT	WEIGH STATION
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Blackfish	Ian Lindsay	Paramus, N.J.	12 lb. 7 oz.	*Jack's Bait & Tackle*
Cod	Steven Werlin	Franklin, N.H.	64 lb.	*Atlantic Fleet Dock*
Fluke	John Kosowski, Jr.	Sag Harbor, N.Y.	13 lb. 4 oz.	*Bayview Marine & Tackle*
Striped Bass	Bob Rocchetta	E. Setauket, N.Y.	76 lb.	*Montauk Marine Basin*
Bluefish	George Boolat	Whitestone, N.Y.	15 lb. 15 oz.	*Johnny's Tackle Shop*
Weakfish	Joe Eisinger	Deer Park, N.Y.	14 lb. 6 oz.	*Augie's Bait & Tackle*
Pollack	Bob Young	W. Hartford, Ct.	31 lb.	*Hillyer's Tackle*
Bluefin Tuna	*OPEN*			
Mako Shark	Alex Oliszewski	Trenton, N.J.	232 lb.	*Forked River Bait & Tackle*
White Marlin	Bob Young	W. Hartford, Ct.	80 lb.	*Star Island Yacht Club*
Swordfish	*OPEN*			
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Brook Trout	Joseph Butrisa	Milltown, N.J.	2 lb. 2 oz.	*Sayerville Sportsman*
Rainbow Trout	Anthony Baffa	Toms River, N.J.	3 lb. 12 oz.	*Ray's Sport Shop*
Largemouth Bass	*OPEN*			

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Bluefish	Frank Jones	Bridgeport, Ct.	15 lb. 2 oz.	*Sportsmen's Den*

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Weakfish	Lester Castellana	Hauppauge, N.Y.	12 lb. 14 oz.	*Angler's Den*
Brook Trout	John Carlson	Branford, Ct.	2 lb. 8 oz.	*Outdoorsman*

LONG ISLAND SOUND FOR "HUMPBACKS"

by Gerald Hahn

From late summer through fall, humpback porgies can be taken all over Long Island Sound, yet most bottom fishermen fail to take advantage of the fine sport they offer. Perhaps it is the Sound's vastness that prevents so many anglers from exploring it. Buoys are few and far between, and there are no visible channels or bars in deep water. Reasoning, therefore, that this kind of fishing is best performed from the high decks of an open boat, or from a vessel that is fully equipped with electronics, the small boat fisherman satisfies himself with the small porgies found in bays and harbors.

Nothing could be further from the truth! Fishing for humpback porgies, from 1½ lbs. to over 3 lbs. in Long Island Sound is no more complicated than fishing for them in a bay. In fact, in some respects it is easier. For example, many porgy fishermen try to catch the large ones that enter the eastern bays every spring. Compare this brief two week run to the two-and-a-half months that humpbacks remain in the Sound. Moreover, most of them are located within a mile-and-a-half from shore, in 30' to 60' depths, and ranges can easily be taken from various shore points without electronic equipment. Tackle is moderate, too; in fact, on a calm day, the Sound's cerulean waters flatten to a glassy sheen, and humpbacks may be taken with light tackle for some of the most exciting bottom fishing of the season. Finally, bay fishing can be erratic, and while I am not guaranteeing a fine catch every time you fish the Sound, nonetheless, the fish feed consistently at certain periods everyday.

Most days a 7' to 8' medium action spinning rod with a matching reel, filled with 15 to 20 lb. test is used. If your rod tip bobs up and down like a seesaw when a 3 to 5 oz. sinker is on the rig, then it is too light. A moderate 6' or 7' boat rod and a conventional reel will provide even greater control on the Sound. Light tackle, however, is excellent on a calm day.

Rigs for humpback porgies are basically the same as for smaller scup. Even the smallest porgy hook will not straighten against the fight of an outsized specimen. Therefore, a two-hook tandem rig with #1 Beak or Claw hooks, snelled on 12" leaders of 20 lb. or 30 lb. test is adequate. If you want to be on the safe side, a 1/0 hook will hold a stray fluke or blackfish. Tie an end loop directly to your fishing line, and connect the sinker to it. A dropper loop, about 2" or 3" above, will hold the tandem tied hooks. Another rig, one that I prefer, is a hi-lo with two droppers. The bottom snelled hook is just above the sinker, as before, and the top hook, about 13" above the first one. More than half the porgies I catch, especially the largest ones, prefer the high hook. Although I rarely encounter snags in these depths, for extra security, either rig may be connected to a leader of 30 lb. test. A barrel swivel and two improved clinch knots secure the leader to the main line. A one foot length is adequate for the tandem rig, a two foot length for the hi-lo rig.

Humpback porgies like this one put up a real battle on light tackle.

On the Sound, the best baits for humpbacks are sandworms and clams, the worms having a slight edge. Use generous pieces, larger than for bay fishing, and try various combinations, perhaps a worm on one hook, a clam on the other, or even a mixture of the two on a single hook. The worm segment should be threaded, the clam twisted and pierced several times, to cover the hook shank, and perhaps sliding them on the snell itself. A little should be left dangling below the point. Once you see which bait is preferred, you can adjust accordingly.

Although I have taken innumerable porgies from various bays without chumming, on the Sound chumming is essential. Mussels or clams should be cracked and stuffed into a chum pot, or crushed pieces scattered over the side, from the up-current side of the boat. Not only is chum necessary to "start" the fish, but to hold them under the boat, as well, by replenishing it at regular intervals.

As mentioned above, porgies on the Sound feed at certain periods. Timing is, therefore, critical for a good catch. Prime feeding periods are from about two hours before to slightly after either tide changes. Also, the morning tidal change is usually better than the one in the afternoon. In the mid-Island region, for example, a

popular porgy spot is off Old Field Point, just west of Port Jefferson's inlet. A lighthouse with a small rock jetty and an audible bell buoy provide inshore reference points. Humpbacks feed about 3/4 of a mile northwest of the buoy in 40' depths. It takes about a half hour to get there from Port Jefferson Harbor. Consequently, the best days to fish here are when slack tide occurs around eight or nine in the morning. Since most fishing stations open around 6AM, by 6:30 or 6:45, the spot is reached, and you have a few hours to catch most of your fish. Moreover, the tide will slacken again 6½ hours later, which gives you a second, although briefer, opportunity to catch more humpbacks, from around 3PM to 4:30 p.m., before returning the boat by 5PM. Check the fishing stations along various parts of the north shore, and the tides, as well (they are a little earlier in the east end), to determine the best days to fish for porgies.

Humpbacks are best caught from an anchored boat and not by drifting on the Sound. Once the chum is dispersed and baited rigs are lowered, attention to the rod is essential for a good catch. Sand and bay porgies, for instance, are notorious bait stealers, but so are humpbacks in deep water, where it is sometimes difficult to detect a nibble, or even the bottom, in a chopppy sea. On such days, the best method is the dropback. As soon as the line slackens, engage the reel. Wait a second, and then open the bail (or put your conventional rod in free spool), and let out a few more feet of line. Most of the hits will occur at this moment; that is, as the bait rises slightly off the bottom and you are taking in the slack. Once a humpback is on, you can play it indefinitely; scup (of any size) rarely throw a hook. Nor do they ever tire, it seems.

When the current slows down on a calm day, you can break out your light gear and really enjoy some sport. With a two ounce sinker and 10 lb. test, a light 6' rod, a humpback porgy will plunge the rod tip right in the water. What more can you ask for?

Once the current starts running, however, it will not matter what gear you use for the scup will scatter. What to do then? You can drift for them and pick up a few more, or you can head inshore and try for smaller ones. But the Sound harbors other species at this time—fluke, bluefish, an occasional weakfish—and with appropriate baits or lures, you can try for them in the interim.

If you enjoy fishing for small porgies, then you will be thrilled by their larger relatives, the humpbacks. From August, on into October, from the west end to the east end, they are all over Long Island Sound, eager to show their stuff. Fishing stations have different hours, so it is wise to call, and probably essential to reserve a boat if you plan to fish on a weekend. There are stations in Huntington, Kings Park, Port Jefferson, Mt. Sinai, and Orient Point.

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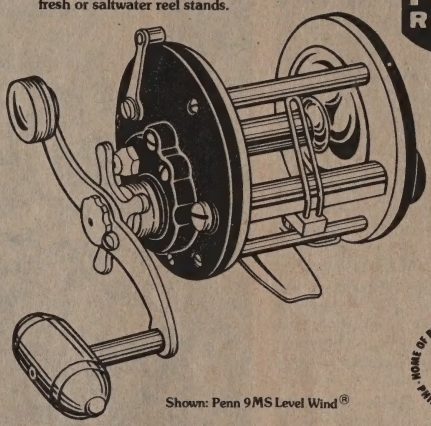

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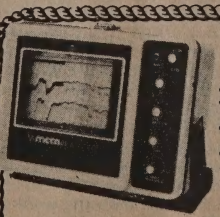

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SALT WATER LURES

Part Two — by Al Ristori

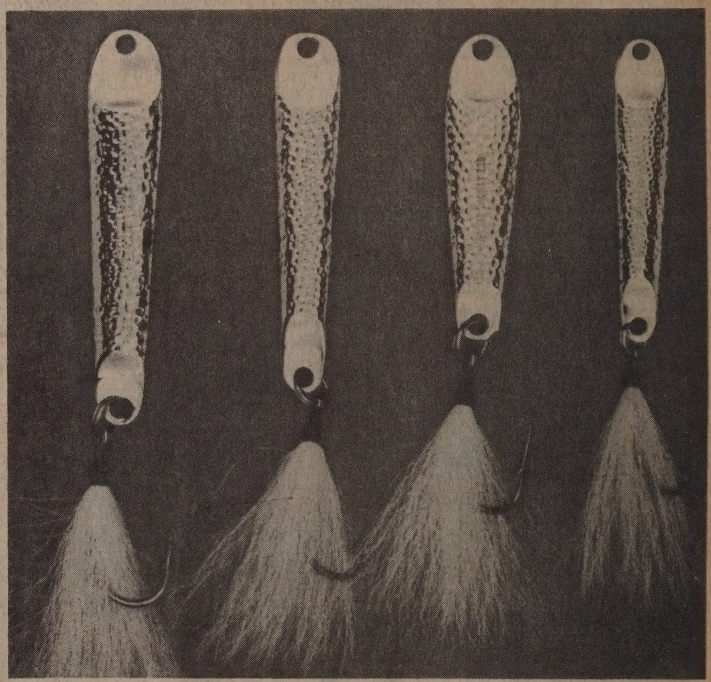
Last week, we concluded our coverage of saltwater lures with plugs. We will begin this second and final part with a look at jigs. This category covers a multitude of sins, but basically it includes all lures with a metal head and a hook (usually embedded in the head) covered with bucktail, nylon, or some similar dressing—or holding a soft plastic shape of some kind. Possibly the most unique of the new items in this area is the Sand Eel Jig from Peter Foley at Boone. Peter had sand eels shipped down from Long Island last year and exactly duplicated that bait in a mold. Even the lead head is molded to look like the head of a sand eel. This should be a good one for weakfish. Boone also makes a great many other jigs, including the Grub Tail Tout, Shrimp Tail Tout and Split Tail Tout—all weakfish and schoolie favorites.

Cordell's Cannon Balls in sizes from 3/4 to 2 oz. are fine bucktail jigs, and Tom Mann last year introduced the very realistic soft plastic Jelly Shad and Swimmin' Grub swimming tail jigs. Mann's Sting Ray Grubs have long been a favorite, especially for weakfish.

Burke's Wig-Wag Minno soft plastic curved tail jig is one of the best I've ever used. It's amazing the way big Florida tarpon will take such a small lure, and the tiniest size is quite effective for the fussy bonefish. Schoolies and weakfish will eat this one up!

Bass Buster Lures feature the Striper Buster bucktail jigs from 1/2 to 1½ oz., plus the soft plastic 1/4 and 1/2 oz. Salty Beetles. The Mister Twister Sassy Shad is a soft plastic favorite that comes in sizes up to four inches, while that company's Striper Jigs are dressed with either bucktail or living rubber. Creme features the soft plastic Sea-Scally in 4, 6, and 8 inch sizes, and also has the realistic Shrimp and Shrimps A-Go-Go jigs. Heddon has taken over Padre Island Company which makes the Striper Jig and Striper Streaker (a jig dressed with a six inch curly-tail worm with silver sparkles in the tail).

The Blue Fox Vibrotail features a soft plastic body with a unique tail that gives the jig a great deal of action. An attractive shrimp-fleck color has been added this year. Blakemore is offering new striper sizes in its Road Runner jig line. These 3/8, 1/2, and 1 oz. sizes come with either curly-tail grub, soft plastic shad, or bucktail for dressing.



Hopkins No-Eql and Shorty jigs rigged with a single stainless steel bucktail-tied hook.

Felmlee makes a great variety of soft plastic lures in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Among the best sellers are the 3½'' #102 sand eel, which comes either unrigged or rigged with a #1 hook—and the #506, 5'' and #508, 5-5/8'' eels. All three are available on jig heads, with the 3½'' size on a 1/4 oz. jig and the longer eels on 1/2 oz. jigs. Brawley's new Striper Jigs come in 1 and 2 oz. sizes and feature a round head with live rubber skirt or white 6'' flexible pigtail worm.

One of the most popular lures for weakfish consists of a jig head with an ordinary freshwater bass plastic worm added. This lure is especially effective in the bays during the spring weakfish run. A variety of worm types, sizes and colors will work. Tom Mann's Jellyworms have been particular favorites, but Mister Twisters, Boones and many others work well. I've done best with 8'' and 9'' sizes in red and purple, but it pays to carry a good variety of lengths and colors.

The hottest lure for weakfish in the New York Harbor area last summer was the Tiger Tail created by Don Bingler, Sheepshead Bay sharpie and formerly owner of Bingler Tackle. I understand that Don still sells these lures privately, but there is now also a similar lure available from Spider. The Spider Tiger Jig consists of a lead head with a tube tail. These come in 1 and 1-3/8 oz. sizes with various color tails and an unpainted head. The natural amber tubing seems best for weaks, while Vic Galgano recommends white and yellow tails for bonito, and fluorescent red and green tails for bluefish.

The Tri-Fin Whiptails also consist of a lead head with a tube tail, but in this case they are curved and there is a great deal of action. The same applies to the Eel Worm and the big line of Tri-Fin trolling Eels (tube

bodies). Captain John Sekora also makes fine trolling tubes in a variety of sizes. The Banana trolling and jigging tubes that are often effective for Jersey Coast blues are made by such companies as Ava and Spider.

Good news for many anglers is that the Alou Eel is back. The original lure designed by the late Al Reinfelder is once again being manufactured on Long Island and will surely take a great many big bass this season. Bluefish also love these lures, but it gets pretty expensive to waste them on the choppers—so the best bet is to use them only at night. Fortunately, replacement tails are once again available, along with the basic eel in three sizes and five colors.

One of the more unique jigs around is the plastic-headed Drift-Weight from J&B Tackle. This is a specialty jig in artificial FisHair which is ideal for the technique that involves drifting in a strong tide with a weight to hold bottom—such as is done to catch many big bass at Plum Gut, the Sluiceway, and The Race. At first most of the regulars used the old favorite No Alibi Smilin' Bill bucktails, but these Drift-Weights have proven more popular as they don't hang up and provide better action in the tide. Now J&B also makes the Drift-Weight in a Glo-Head version that glows underwater. Other J&B jigs include the Shovelnose and Tide-Runner.

Also very unusual are the Mai Tai jigs made in Toms River. This jig features a musket ball head with large eyes painted on, and has a swinging hook for maximum action. The Musket Ball has bucktail dressing, while the Mai Tai'l has a tube tail. Sizes range from 1/8 to 2½ oz. Mai Tai also has the Deep Jiggers with three different shaped heads—Tinker, Butterfish, and Goggle Eye—plus three trolling lures, Teezil, Bob Tail and Ten-Four.

A very attractive and complete line of bucktail jigs is produced by B-P Fishing Tackle of Union. Just about everything in head styles and colors is represented and I've had good luck with them. Tony Acetta's line includes some old favorite trolling lures such as the Rag Mop and Jigit Eel. Though normally thought of as bass and bluefish lures, Pat Bernardi, of Jamaica Estates, told me that he caught a sailfish in the 140 lb. class on a Jigit Eel at Club Pacifico de Panama in January!

Also falling into the broad jig category is the famous Hoochy Troll distributed by Weber, and the similar H-Trolls put out by Baystate Marketing. The former come in 6, 7, 12 and new 14 inch double-skirted sizes, while the latter are made only in 7" and 12" versions. When there are squid in the water it's hard to beat these lures. Though Hopkins is best known for their stainless steel casting lures, they also make the very fine HammerTail bucktail jigs.

METAL CASTING & TROLLING LURES.

There isn't too much new in this field. Hopkins continues to make their famous slim No-Eql and stubby Shorty casting lures by forging them from stainless steel and rigging them with stainless steel rings. Single hook lures also get stainless hooks. I prefer the single hook models with bucktail dressing or the ST series, which incorporated a swimming soft plastic tail. New this year is a 6 oz. No-Eql. Hopkins also has a line of Hammered Spoons that work well on big stripers.

Tony Acetta's Pet Spoon trolling line and Tony's Spoon casting models now feature a diamond finish with an iridescent fish scale appearance. The Marine Metal Reflecto Spoon has been a standard since it was first developed in 1940. The Anson Swimming Spoon has an oval slot through which water flows to produce a fluttering action and sonic vibrations. It comes in 1/4 and 1/2 oz. sizes. The Anson Stopper is a combination of the spoon and a 1/2 or 1 oz. hair jig on the swivel of the spoon. The Glen L. Evans Loco spoon has a bulbous head and features strips of Flectolite for prismatic effect.

Luhr Jensen's Krocodile is a fine casting spoon that's really starting to catch on along the East Coast. It comes in 17 sizes from 1/6 to 7 oz. and in 45 colors. Cotton Cordell has the shad-shaped 7/8 oz. Chunker and the 3/4 oz. C.C. Spoon (similar in shape to the Hopkins). Other famous metal casting lures include the Kastmasters from Acme, the Mr. Champ from Weber, and the Ballistic from Wilson.

Eppinger's Dardevles are good producers in saltwater as well as in lakes. Saltwater sizes are made in many versions of the basic lure, and the smaller spoons work very well on a variety of smaller game fish. Burke is now distributing the Abu lures from Sweden. Included is the Abu Toby, a casting spoon which I've had great success with in shallow waters throughout Florida and the tropics. It's just the ticket for small barracuda and snappers as it can be retrieved at high speed just under the surface. The four metal lures from Minnoe Lure Co. require no rod action and won't spin when trolled. The Spug comes in 3, 4, and 5 oz. sizes with a removable lead insert. The Demo is an unusual metal lure as it can also be used as a popper. It comes in 1 and 2 oz. sizes.

OTHER LURES.

The Blue Fox Red Gill sand eel imitations are very realistic. They come in 4½ and 8 inch versions and have no weight, but can be rigged for drifting or on an umbrella rig.

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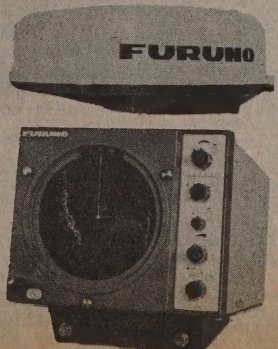

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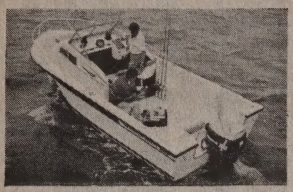
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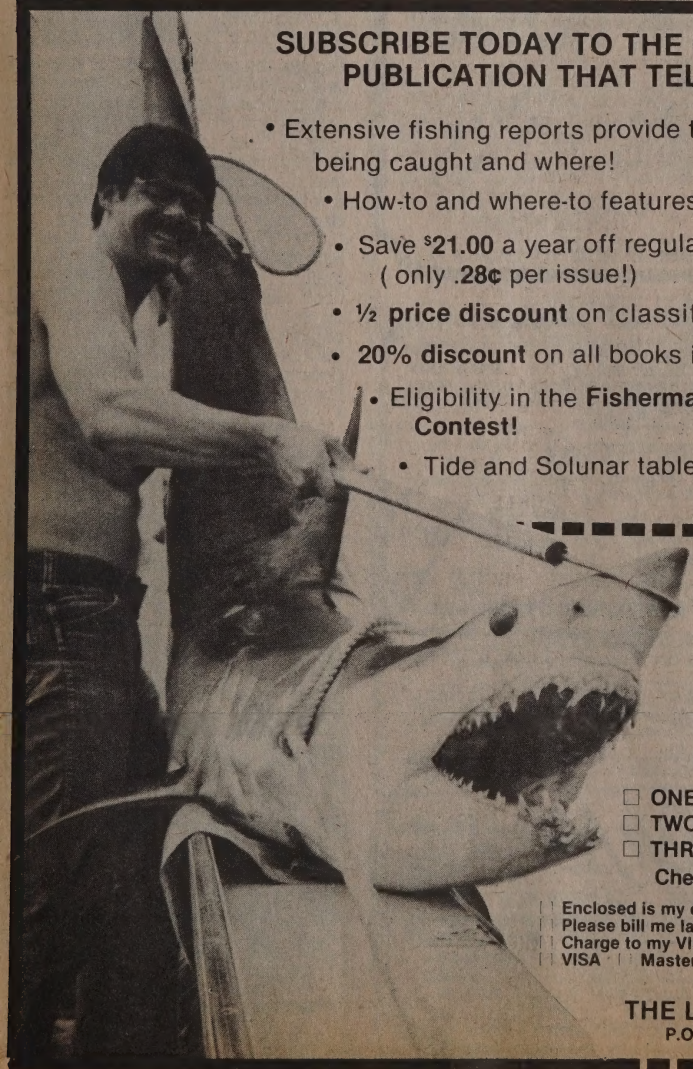

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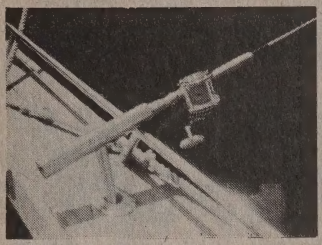

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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

The Marlin Fleet reports that the **Marlin IV** is catching big porgies to 3 lbs off the New London Connecticut coast, catches averaging 50 porgies a man. The boat is also doing a super job on nite blues to the tune of 15 to 25 gorrilas a man in the 12 to 20 lb range. **The Marlin V** continues its two half-day fluke trips daily working north rips. Catches are averaging 5 to 8 keeper fluke a man on squid and sand eels. Starting Sept. 8th, the **V** will be bluefishing all day sailing at 7AM.

Capt. Buddy Dorman of the six-man limit open boat **Waxed** tells us that Maspeth angler Dan Nekoloff has become the first open boat angler this year to go over 200 porgies in one day. Dan's total for one day was 215 porgies and the boat was back at the dock by 3PM. In four days of fishing, Dan had 649 medium/large porgies including a scattering of jumbos. Capt Bud is working the lighthouse with clam bait.

The **Viking Fleet** reports that the nite bluefishing at Cartwright remains very good. Thursday's high hook was Bob Spitzberg. Ed Erhardt on one of the fluke trips Saturday bagged a doormat weighing in at 14 lbs 2 ozs. Sunday saw Arnold Small of Coram with an 11 lb doormat fluke. On the porgy boat Jose Nanouz of

Michael Castellana with his 213 lb. mako shark taken out of Montauk on the charter boat, "Snap Shot V." Photo by Henry Harris.

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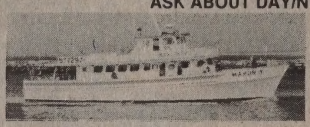

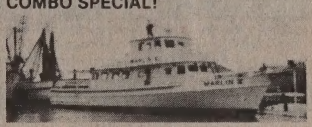

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Babylon was high hook with 114 jumbo porgies. Cox's ledge cod remain good with fish 8 to 15 lbs. The porgy fishing has been done off New London, Connecticut. The nite bluefishing which is outrageous is being done on both bait and on jigs. These animals are in the 12 to 22 lb class.

The open boats **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud** report that they are working the New London shoreline for big porgies in the 1 to 3 lb class with fares averaging a five gallon bucket plus of these silver sluggers.

Capt. Frank of the charterboat **Free Spirit** reports the Cartwright bluefishing remains very strong on herring bait and also on diamond jigs. Due to a sudden cancellation, the boat has this Saturday open. See add if interested.

Aboard Capt George McTurck's charterboat **Sportfisher** a party made up of Michael Jankowski, Joe and Andy Monforte, George Raimonde, Vinnie Moscardino, and Paul Calisi bailed 21 tuna from 15 to 40 lbs on green machines and jet heads.

Capt. Jerry of the charterboat **Nostalgia II** called to say that Weds. charter for Brian St. Louis, Paul Wayne, and Rich Gioiat fished 30 miles east of the point and loaded up on bonito fishing squid on the bottom.

An incoming tide on Sunday saw 41 fluke to 6 lbs caught in the north rips on squid/sandeel combos by Walter Bohnenberger, Jim Eber, and John Eustis.

Capt. Wayne King of the charterboat **King Wayne** reports that Monday's charter hooked and landed a 587 lb giant tuna at the Mud Hole on a herring bait. Wayne says the giants are in, no doubt about it. Sunday's trip for the Mike Kelly party trolled tuna south of Cartwright. At the end of the day there were 22 football bluefin tuna in the boat taken on rend and white feathers. Some are also being diamond jigged. The Bluefish-

ing could not be better says Wayne. Saturday nights trip for Walter Hetlinger saw 250 blues caught up to 22 lbs at Cartwright on herring bait. A few good October dates still remain available.

Elenor at **Gone Fishing Marina** tells about Mario Foglia and his catch of 26 bluefin tuna up to 40 lbs which he took 14 miles southwest of the butterfish hole on cedar plugs with black feathers on his boat 3 J's.

Capt Joe McBride on the charter-boat **My Mate** reports that this past weeks shark action was good as was trolling for tuna to and from the shark grounds. Football tuna along with some yellowfin were taken inshore. They also loaded up on bluefish and weakfish at Cartwright fishing bait on the bottom. The boat still has some choice dates available. See ad for details.

Carl Darrenberg Jr. at Montauk Marine Basin tells us that the charterboat **Montauk** has been doing a job at Cartwright on blues from 8 to 18 lbs. The boat also had a 316 lb mako plus 15 bluefin tuna to 16 lbs and 8 bonito fishing just 10 miles south of the point, limiting out early. This was on red and white, black and white and green and yellow feathers and on cedar jigs. The tuna limit is 4 per angler for fish that weigh anywhere from 8 to 150 lbs. A 257 lb blue marlin was taken aboard the boat Fagan Saturday at dusk at the Fishtails. A 297 lb big eye tuna was also caught in the same area. A 590 lb mako was the catch made by Jim Bloom and Ray Erb and their 24' skiff. It took 7 hours to boat this monster. Carl says the Cartwright bluefishing continues exceptionally good, mainly on bait. Steve Sloan of N.Y.C. may have broken 3 separate fly rod records and a 6 lb test record on tuna this week. Stay tuned for details on this one.

Charterboat **Julie III** reports the trip for Jimmy Rizzidi and party caught over 1450 lbs of blues off Block Island on Diamond jigs. Saturday's party led by Little Ernie bailed 430 lbs of porgies fishing the south side on clam.

On Saturday, Ed Martin and Bruce Froh, aboard Ed's boat **Three Girls** had a superday with big blues at Cartwright. The two anglers wound up the day with 83 choppers from 12 to 15 lbs. All of the fish were taken on herring baits and one of the blues spit up half of small striper when brought aboard.

Star Island Yacht Club reports that a 100 lb bluefin tuna was taken aboard Bears Den. Dolphin and Wahoo were caught aboard the Ieda II. A 245 lb Big Eye tuna was caught aboard the Crestliner. Many giant tuna have been seen at the Mud Hole but have not been of a biting frame of mind.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** called to tell of lots of giant bluefin tuna in the 600 plus lb. class seen at the Mud Hole area by various boats. Very few were hooked as compared to the number of boats trying. On Friday's trip, Phil had 3 large tuna around the boat in the slick and after 3 hours one was finally baited but was lost at the boat. Cartwright bluefishing is still good inshore and school tuna remain around in good quantities.

Frank Busuttel and crew with some nice pollack taken south of Block Island on jigs. Photo courtesy of Gone Fishing Marina.

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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

HAMPTON BAYS

According to John Mangino of **Corr's Fishing Station,** there was some good fluke fishing during the week in the Basket area and in the East Cut near the inlet. Fishing was somewhat slower over the weekend however. On Thursay, Robbie Soranno, Bob Maresco and Jerry Kurz fished the Basket area and totaled 26 keeper fluke up to 4 lbs. using spearing and fluke belly combos. In the same area on Friday, Iosmio Nakamura and his wife totaled 18 keepers. John noted that the first flounder in awhile were taken near the Indian Reservation.

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Diane Cinquegrani and Matt and John Viol made this catch of 24 fluke to 6 lbs. 14 oz., 7 blues, and 2 weaks south of buoy 43 on sand eels and squid. They left from Skidmore's Fishing Station in East Moriches.

MORICHES BAY

From **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in Eastport, Andy told me that fluking remained good in the Elbow with a higher percentage of keepers than in recent weeks. On Sunday, Al Sansone and Steve Antonaccio and his son Steve Jr. totalled 32 keepers up to 4 lbs. fishing killies in the Elbow on the last of the incoming and the first of the outgoing tide. Andy noted crabbing remains very good in the mouth of Seatuck creek and all of the local creeks are well supplied with snappers.

From **Skidmore's Fishing Station,** Jim reported a catch of 37 keeper fluke up to 5½ lbs., 14 small blues to 2½ lbs. and a 6 lb. 4 oz. weakfish, all taken in the Elbow area and the west cut on spearing and squid by Charles Van Hoeusen and Stan Bigora. This was on Saturday. Most boats over the weekend managed catches of 20 keeper fluke as the good fishing in the bay continues. Crabbing is picking up nicely with boats averaging 40-50 nice blueclaws per day. Bunker has been best for the crabs.

Al at **Hi-Way Fishing Station** reported what is one of the largest fluke to come out of Moriches Bay this year. The 9 lb. doormat was taken on Sunday by 11-year-old Louie Quijada in the west cut on a killie. Also on Sunday, former Cincinnati Reds' First baseman Frank McCormack and his family totaled a mess of fluke. Best action has been in the west cut and in the Elbow on killies or sand eels. While fluking was good over the weekend flounder seemed to slow a bit and snappers remained pretty good.

Gary from **Silly Lily Fishing Station** told me fluking was good throughout this past week. Many boats had from 20-40 fluke up to 4 lbs. George Waldez and 3 friends had 37 keepers during the week while on Saturday Sal Zuzio, Nick Albergo and Jack, John and Billy Hodkinson had 34 fluke. Fishing is at the Elbow and just inside the inlet as well as from buoys 36 to 39. Both sand eels and spearing have been working well. Flounder are for the taking at buoy 39 and nice sized snappers are spread all over the bay.

Vickie of **Tadsen's Fishing Station** passed along the results of Tadsen's young anglers tourney held this past Saturday. Twenty-three youngsters participated with Danielle Gamble taking first with her 2 lb. 9 oz. fluke. Debbie Bush finished 2nd with a 2 lb. 6 oz. flattie and Kristin Siegel nailed down the third spot with a 2 lb. 3 oz. fluke. Overall, Vickie said that fluking continues good from buoys 27 to 29 and flounder are around with buoys 29, 32 and 36 the best bets for the blackbacks.

MASTIC BEACH

From **Stiriz Fishing Station,** Bill spoke of a good mixed bag which included blowfish, weakfish, porgies, crabs, snappers and fluke. Crabs have improved in size and are in good supply from buoys 9 to 17. Best fishing for fluke is from buoys 27 to 30, with killie and squid combos accounting for the larger fish. About one-third of the flatties are now keepers, according to Bill. Best fluke weighed in over the weekend was a 6½ lber. taken on Sunday. Al Boreo and his wife Debbie had a catch of 21 fluke including 6 in the 3 lb. class. They fished between buoys 23 and 27.

SAYVILLE

Fred Formato of **Formato's Fishing Station** said that Vinnie and Angelo fished Ocean Beach on the weekend and totalled 30 sea bass from 1 to 2 lbs., a couple of small blues and a load of porgies. Plenty of blowfish at buoy 13, Ocean Beach on squid or worms. Small weakfish off of Browns River and Heckscher on squid strips. Although this action was a little slow this week due to all of the east winds. Plenty of crabs and snappers keeping local fishermen busy.

OAKDALE

From **J&R Sports Center,** Dave Canale had some good news of his own to report. Fishing a grey Mantuka streamer in the Conetquot River one day last week, he connected with a 27" brown trout that tipped the scales at 8 lbs. even. On the saltwater front Dave reported the best fluking appears to be in the inlet area. Small weakfish are at buoys 4 and 5 off of Heckscher on squid strips or sand worms. Bigger weaks up to 10 and 12 lbs. on live snappers and blackfish a the WR buoy and the lighthouse. Crabbing and snapper fishing in the area remains good.

EAST ISLIP

Mike of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** passed along a report of small weakfish up to 3 lbs. at Heckscher on squid strips. Weaks from 5-12 lbs. on snappers at the lighthouse and the wreck buoy. Jim Benton weighed in an 11½ lber. over the weekend. Fluking still good around the inlet and snapper fishing in the words of local

Linda Miller of Smokey's Bait & Tackle shows the 5 lb. 2 oz. fluke she landed recently in Fire Island Inlet on a sand eel and squid combo.

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youngster has been great. Crabs in good supply as well from local docks. For freshwater fans, Bud Janooski used a small popper to take a 5½ lb. largemouth bass out of the lake at Brookwood Hall.

BAY SHORE

Carl Miller speaking from **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** reported fluking remains consistent at Kismet, Farm Shoals and buoy 6 in the inlet. A mixed bag of blowfish, porgies and sea bass can be had at buoy 13, Ocean Beach, West Channel or the wreck buoy and a chum pot is a big help. Small weakfish behind the clam dredges, off Heckscher with bigger fish from the wreck buoy to the light on snappers and blackfish. A few 8-9 lb. blackfish were taken near Kismet this past week and Carl reminded that he will begin carrying both fiddler and green crabs for blackfish fans beginning this week. Outside the inlet, big sea bass and some fluke on the Fire Island reef and blues along with some bonito and albacore at Cholera. Offshore action is now confined from the tower out to the Canyon with yellowfins and bigeyes making up the catches. Snapper fishing and crabbing still good at the local docks.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the open boat **Casey Lee** said fluke remain in very good supply, while there has been some good fishing in the inlet area he has still been making some good scores back in the bay as far as East Island. Mixed with the fluke this week were some southern visitors which included a remora, pilot fish and star gazers. The boat's first blackfish trip will be on Wednesday, September 16th.

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CAPTREE

The Patchogue grounds provided good action this past week on blues ranging from 6-15 lbs. Many Captree boats got in on the action, which while not red hot everyday provided consistent enough fishing to be termed good overall. Among the charter boats cashing in on the big choppers this past week were the **Sea Ranger, Blue Albatross II, Lady Ann** and the **Yankee III**. Of the open boats, the **Captain Scotty** has been doing well both day and night with fish being taken on jigs in the daytime and bait at night. While night fishing has been pretty steady now for the past couple of weeks, daytime action is finally rounding into form.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** who is also on the bluefish run day and night, said that when Patchogue slows, fish can usually be found southwest of the inlet. Some skipjack tuna and bonito were mixed with the blues at Patchogue.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Bob Joseph** also reported good bluefishing on night trips all week at Patchogue. Wednesday saw the best catches made with 29 fares accounting for nearly 400 big choppers. Fluke fishing is holding up with particularly good action in the middle of the week on incoming tide. Best action is at the inlet on sand eels or killies.

Captain Ron Murray on the charter boat **Sea Bird** reported a good day

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Fourteen-year-old George Wetherall needed only 35 minutes to bag this 243 lb. tiger shark. Scene of the catch was 60 miles southeast of Jone's Inlet. Photo courtesy of Skippy's Bait & Tackle.

with the fluke on Sunday. A charter of 13 anglers from Aparo Cesspool Service returned to the dock with 105 keepers as well as a few sea bass taken at the inlet on killie and squid combos.

Captain Richie Abrams of the **Captain Whitaker** and Captain Richie Westlind of the **Capt. Richie** both reported pretty good fluking from the bridge to the inlet with the best action coming around the change of tide. A good percentage of the fish being taken are keepers in the 14" to 16" size category. Both sand eels and killies are working on the fish. A few sea bass are mixed with the fluke.

BABYLON

Captain Jack Stoddard who runs the charter boat **Luci II** reported that a bay charter for Paul Revere Life Insurance Company during the week resulted in over 50 keeper fluke taken in the inlet on the last half of the ebb. Largest flattie was a 5½ lber. A Wednesday shark trip for Jerard Ruzz produced a 120 lb. mako. Fishing was done southeast of Fire Island Inlet. Jack mentioned too that there are plenty of skippies ripe for trolling south of the inlet in 95' to 105' of water on white feathers.

Captain Phil Nielsen of the **Pooka V** fished a charter headed by Tim O'Connor from the phone company on Friday. The group wound up with a nice mixed bag of fluke, blowfish, sea bass and porgies. Action was in the West channel area on squid and spearing. On Sunday the Bill Stockton party enjoyed some good fluke fishing during the morning flood tide at the inlet, then rounded off the day with some sea bass and blowfish between Kismet and Ocean Beach.

LINDENHURST

Mike who mans the counter at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported a catch of 5 weaks to 8½ lbs. for Al Speahr on Friday. He fished the Coast Guard station with strawberry jelly worms. Al Goodacre fished the Patchogue Grounds Friday night and accounted for 12 blues up to 10 lbs. Friday night. Bob Macaluso and Sue and Bill Eberling fished the lighthouse on Sunday and returned with 16 fluke as well as a 3½ triggerfish. Snappers and crabs good from local docks.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs of **Combs Tackle** reported all of the offshore action seems to be from the tower out into the Canyon with yellowfins, bigeyes and swordfish. Nothing much doing inshore of the tower. George did know that a couple of giant tuna were taken by Jersey boats this week in the southeast corner of the Mud Hole. Inside the bay, some nice fluke were taken in recent days near the Amityville Cut and also off of Unqua Point, the 3rd bridge has been

producing some nice weakfish on live snappers, according to George, while some bass in the 20 lb. class are being livelined between the Jones Beach fishing piers and the Meadowbrook Bridge. Crabbing is excellent with traps and for scoop netters on the local flats. George reminded that the Amityville Chamber of Commerce sponsored Snapper Derby will be held this Saturday at the Bayview Avenue dock. Combs Bait and Tackle is donating the bait for the affair.

SEAFORD

Captain Brian of the open boat **Chinco** labelled fluking in his area as fair for most of the week. Some sea bass are mixed with the flatties. Sunday's pool fish was taken by 10-year-old Mike Cavelari. His fish tipped the scale at a shade under 4 lbs. Brian asked that we remind customers that beginning this week he will be keeping the same sailing schedule but his target will be flounder rather than fluke. He spent a half day this past week on the flounder and had good numbers of sea bass and blowfish mixed in with the smaller members of the flatfish clan.

Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** spoke of lots of fluke at Four Corners, Goose Creek and Sloop Channel. A good portion of the fish are still shorts, but there are a fair number of keepers among them. Sand eels have been the best bait. Some porgies, sea bass, flounder and blowfish spread around the bay for bottom fans and good snapper fishing throughout the area. Weakfish on live snappers at the 3rd bridge and Blacks Bank and sharpies taking some school bass at the Meadowbrook Bridge on wire and umbrella rigs.

From **Captain Eddie's Fishing Station** Art old of a catch of 14 keepers along with a mess of sea bass taken on Saturday by John Belcastro and family at Four Corners. Action on Sunday seemed to take a turn for the worst. Art said that Massapequa Cove has been producing porgies and sea bass on squid. Some bass taken on night tides during the week at the Meadowbrook Bridge and blues chummed at Cholera over the week-end. Snappers remain in good supply everywhere.

John at **Pop's Fishing Station**, said that a mixed bag of fluke, sea bass, weakfish, flounder, blowfish, black-fish and crabs is available to those anglers willing to work at it. On Sunday, Kevin Meehan used a live snapper to take an 8¾ lb. weak at the 2nd bridge. He along with John Konior and Paul Siering also had a nice catch of fluke and sea bass in the same area. Best bets for the fluke are the 2nd bridge and Squaw Island on incoming water and buoys 12 to 14 on outgoing. Decent crabbing in the Amity cut and Fort Neck Point.

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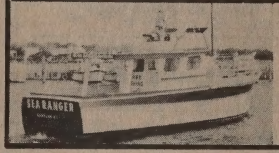

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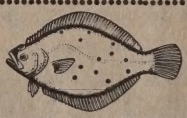

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New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

Charterboat **Suzanne** reports that Saturday's trip for Ed Springer and party had yellowfin tuna up to 60 lbs. plus long fin albacore and skippies fishing the Texas Tower. Sunday's charter for Pete Salvato fished the Mud Hole and came up with a 125 lb. mako plus several football tuna and big skippies. This was all on red and white green machines. The boat is now booking trips for giant tuna.

Capt Al reports good to very good bluefishing all week, working mainly to the west, fish are mixed sizes. Nite trips have been steadily improving since the storms of last week.

The **Capt. Bill** continues to enjoy good catches of fluke on his two half day trips. Sunday saw exceptionally good fluking working local waters. There are a good number of keepers mixed in with the short fish.

The Capt. Gary reports that Saturday's charter for the Church of God, Massapequa had good fluking with over 50 keepers picked from Long Creek, Swift Creek, and Reynold's Channel. Sunday's bluefish trip for the Ed Smolinski group was excellent. Hi-hook was Ed with 5 fish. Pool winner was Henry Bryant with a 10 lb. 8 oz. bluefish.

Larry at **Mako Marina** tells about Capt. Joe Long's charterboat **Nite Owl** bagging bluefin tuna to 40 lbs, longfin albacore to 30 lbs. plus a load of skippies and false albacore fishing in 150 ft. of water, s/e of Jones. On Saturday, Bob Hodgins and son Brian scored with 18 keeper fluke up to 4

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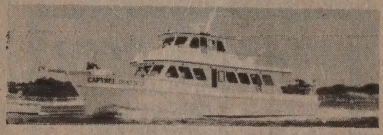

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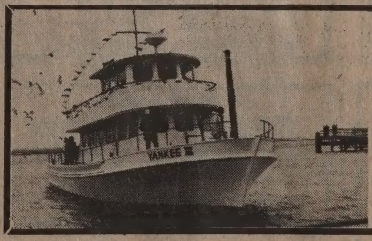

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Capt. Arnold of the charterboat **Shalidon** had an overnighter at Hudson canyon Friday and Saturday for Rich Pyrocke and party. The dynamite fish of the trip was a 96½ lb. Wahoo and the angler on the rod was Ed Kuiken of Maywood, N.J. At one period on the trip four baits were hit simultaniously as a result, 3 big eye tuna weighing 135 lbs, 137 lbs, and 116 lbs, were brought in. Later on they also had two yellowfin tuna weighing 67 and 77 lbs. Also boated were three long fin albacore, and a load of big skippies. Red and white jet lures accounted for 80 per cent of the catch in the 4th and 5th wake. Lots of shark and a marlin came up around the boat and a couple of swordfish knockdowns occurred during the night. Thursday's charter for Schweber Electric scored with 3 yellowfin tuna. Monday's charter bagged a 200 lb. mako at the gully. Wednesday's charter for Paul Gregory had bluefin tuna at the Texas Tower. This was all on red and green jet lures.

The **Aloma II** reports that he is catching seabass up to 3 lbs. and porgies up to 1½ lbs. plus a few blackfish in the 3 lb. class on various offshore wrecks since Thursday. The boat is now sailing all day trips at 7AM for seabass, porgies, and blacks.

The **Starstream II** reports that Saturday nite's bluefish trip working just west of Cholera was a super slaughter of 2 to 8 lb. bluefish. Capt. Richie says that it was the best nite of the year so far. Even first timers had roughly 10 fish a piece. Sunday the boat ran into bluefish schools of 1½ to 3 lb. fish and they also had a few bonito. Hi-hook on this day trip was 25 fish. During the week fish were mixed sizes up to 18 lbs. while nites ran hot and cold.

Capt. Tony of the **Apus I** called to say that Wednesday's charter had two bluefin tuna to 15 lbs. and a 130 lb. mako. Also a 14 to 15 foot Great White shark (est. 3-4,000 lbs.) came up in the slick for about 15 seconds, looked everything over, then departed. Saturday's trip scored with two makos of 60 and 125 lbs., 7 albies and 4 bonito. Sunday's trip for John Mitchell and party had three duskies a 150 lb mako, 6 albies and 4 bonito. The albies and bonito are heaviest in 80 feet of water, 170 degrees out of Jones. The sharking has been east of the H.A. in 130 feet of water. The great white was spotted in 120 feet of water east of the N.A. This is where the tuna were taken and green machines caught best. Aboard the **Apus II**, Capt. Mike had a solid catch of bluefin and yellowfin tuna all week. Albies were also caught. The body count was 40 tuna and the average weight bluefin tuna went 150 lbs.

Capt. Pat of the charterboat **Lady J III** fished American Airlines Tues. and Thurs. with Tues., the better of the two, diamond jigging small blues and weakfish up to 12 lbs. off Long Branch. Wednesday's trip for East-

man Kodak Graphic Markets Division had a good pick on blues at 17 fathoms with the pool fish going 18 lbs. on jigs. Seven to eight lb. albacore and small bonito were also caught. Twenty five alligator blues were landed and even more were dropped, and broken off. Friday's trip for Xerox of New York chummed jumbo blues with a 15 lber taking the pool. Saturday nite's trip for Kordet Graphics, Oceanside, picked away at blues south of Jones on bait. Sunday's charter for Dick Ruben of Merrick and group had very good bluefishing in the late afternoon with a 17 lb. bruiser taking the pool.

The Blue Fin Fleet reports very good blue action days south and s/w of Jones, fish up to 15 lbs, with smaller fish along the beaches. Smaller fish on jigs, larger being chunked and baited. The trip for an F.B.I. group decked 150 blues Friday with John Wilkinson copping the pool. Sunday's trip on the **B.F. III** totaled 170 blues. Nites saw excellent fishing on bait and chum at Cholera, Three Sisters, 17 Fathoms, fish up to 19 lbs. Over 200 blues were decked Saturday nite with Mike Oliveri taking pool honors with an 18 lber. Occasional weaks and stripers are hitting the jigs intended for blues. Wednesday's cod trip at a special secret wreck scored with 1200 lbs. of cod from 15 to 35 lbs. Fishing was fast and furious and everybody quit when they finally ran out of bait.

The Capt. Lou Fleet called to say that they are now switching to flounder on both boats. Capt. Mike says there's plenty of action in the bay and channels with porgies, seabass, flounder, fluke, kings and a few blowfish.

Charterboat **Nan-sea** called to say that Sunday's trip to the Texas tower saw catches of albies, bonito, and yellowfin tuna, all on green machines. Capt. Dan passes on word of a 634 lb. giant tuna caught Sat. at the Mud Hole by Pat Berwind on the private boat Four Winds out of East Rockaway.

Capt. Andy of the **Miss Freeport** is still sailing his 2 a day fluke trips with best results in Jones inlet, where the fish are running larger, up to 4½ lbs. on spearing and sandeels. He's making occasional drifts in Long and Swift creeks.

Capt. Walt Scotts of **Freeport Charter Service, Acme II** reports good to very good bluefishing at Cholera all week on bait and chum. Various groups that fished blues this week on the Acme II were Gus Bouloukos and group, The Marty Kaplan group, Wantaugh Fire Dept., alpha Rod and Gun Club. Walt is now accepting bookings for flounder and cod.

Freeport Boatmen's Assoc. reports big bluefish on chum and bait at Cholera, Three Sisters, and 17 Fathoms, for the Assoc. boats fishing large groups. Northstar jigged blues at Sandy Hook but these were smaller fish and followed that up with fluke ath the channels. Jones inlet has been

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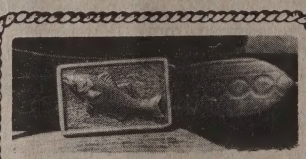
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the best locally for bigger fluke and the **Super Spray II** has been concentrating on the inlet for these larger fish. The **S.S. II's** nite bluefishing trips have also been good, fishing a bit to the west. The **Christy Lee** fished from the Noah buoy to the Texas Tower and had yellowfin and bluefin tuna Friday on Hoola Hookers. Sunday they had bluefins plus a 60 lb. wahoo in 150 ft. of water s/e of Jones inlet. Skippies and albies in the 10 lb. class in the same area. Saturday on Bigfoot, the trip for Bill Ostrower and co., had 4 bluefin tuna in the 50 lb. class fishing the Noah. They also had 2 longfin albacore working north of the tower, fish in the 40 lb class on feathers.

BALDWIN

Arthur St. Fishing Sta. tells of 16 to 18 inch fluke coming in from middle bay and the mouth of Parsonage Creek and also Reynold's channel on sand eels and squid. Some porgies being caught in Reynolds in the deeper water. Occasional weakfish on live bait in early morning hours on live bait. Blue claw Crabs plentiful an bigger now. Snappers galore and cocktail blues darting around in Middle Bay.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Sta. tells us that Sat. saw 23 keeper fluke as the reward for Glen and Bill Ophoff of Ridgewood and fished with Tom Schutz working the flats with live killies west of the Loop bridge. A skillful angling award went to Margaret Toller of N.Y.C. Sat. for her 6½ lb. Fluke. North Channel should also be tried for these large fish. Blacks are increasing in size and numbers at the Meadowbrook and along Creek Bridges. Try the T Wreck. Plenty of snappers in Reynolds Channel and plenty of seabass in the holes of Reynold's channel.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Clem of the **Commodore** tells of a solid good week of fluking at Ambrose working with the tide conditions. Some passengers ending up with 25 to 30 keepers on Sunday's trip as an example. Fish are mixed sizes and pools are running in the 5 lb. range. Porgies and seabass are being caught in the bays on clam and worm. Weaks and blues also being caught in the channels along with bonito. Fish belly seems to be working best on fluke, and all the fish are full of sandeels.

Charterboat **Marie III** reports Friday's half day bottom trip for 6 people scored with 100 plus fish, including porgies to 2 lbs., seabass to 4 lbs, and blacks to 3 lbs., on an ocean wreck. 75 percent of the catch was porgies. Saturday's trip for Sperry fished ocean bottom scoring with porgies, a few seabass and some blacks. Hi-hook was in the 50's and most fares

averaged 20 fish. Sat. nite saw good bluefishing for the Double T Fishing Club at Cholera on bait. Fish were 4 to 8 lbers. Still a few openings for the Sept. 7 open shark trip.

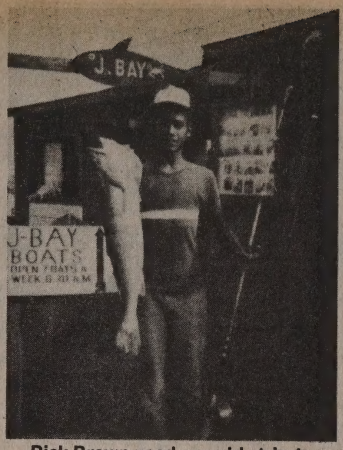
Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook tells us that a 14 lb 2 oz fluke took a live snapper Wed. offered to him by Ken Timper of Rosedale on Ken's Hustler. Excellent fluking on the black side of Ambrose with a lot of big fish. Just about a mile off the Rockaways trollers are scoring with big blues up to 14 lbs. Under the Atlantic Beach Bridge a lot of big striped bass in the 12-30 lb range are falling to clam bait and ground clam chum days and nites, both tides. Snappers and crabs continue excellent in the bays.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina tells of plenty of fluke in Reynolds, but be ready to throw most of them back. Try duck point and buoy 12 at the high school for the most keepers. Pat Kenniery won the August fluke contest at the sta. with an 8 lber. taking the $50. prize. Nick Sevene and Dolph Petruzzi racked up 20 blues from 16 to 19 lbs. at cholera. The Tin Can is still producing plenty of big fluke and a few stripers. Ed Rindfleisch had several 50 fish days, from 2 to 6 lbers. Jon Stein at the Tin Can trolled 5 stripers to 14 lbs. on umbrellas. Nice bass day and nite at the Atlantic Beach Bridge. A few blacks being taken at the bridge. Snappers and blue claw crabs continue to work out.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Al at **Reynold's Reef** Fishing Sta. tells of great blackfish activity at the Atlantic Beach Bridge on fiddlers fish 1½ to 2½ lbs. on both sides. Blues are good items off Reis Park for trollers and bucktailers. Fluking best now at the Tin Can and the channels. On the Compass Rose IV, Jesse York, J. York, Sid Alter, and Paul Stern went out to the canyon and had a 100



Rick Brown used a squid strip to take this 10¾ lb. weak at Silver Hole in Jamaica Bay. Photo courtesy of J-Bay Boat Rental.

lb sword on a mackerel bait, a 138 lb. big eye tuna, two 50 lb. big eye tuna, 2 yellowfin tuna and 4 albies. They droppped another sword. These catches were mainly on green machines.

EAST ROCKAWAY

Skippy's Bait and Tackle reports fluking building at the tin can and in the inlets as the water starts to cool. Blacks starting at the bridges and jetties on fiddlers. 13 yellowfin tuna to 74 lbs. aboard the Marlena on green machines. Some flounders at the bridges and Haunts Creek. Crabs and snappers still doing their act.

HOWARD BEACH

Charterboat **Josie D II** fished a four man charter from Mercedes Benz led by John Bermel. They worked Romer Shoals Light and had 55 keepers in the box by 1PM. Fish were spittting up sandeels but as far as fishing went, killies were a 5 to 1 favorite on the hook.

JAMAICA BAY

J-Bay Boat Rentals has what is probably the strangest catch of the week to report . . . a 73½ lb. channel bass caught on Tues. by Jim and Rich of the Station on a live bunker fished off J.F.K. at the radar pier. The worlds record is 74 lbs. Also some nice porgy catches being made at the pier area and also buoy 17. Excellent blue claw crabs at the pilings. Some small flounders around and some stripers are being trolled along the grassy shorelines of J.F.K. trolling bloodworms on bucktail or on Junebug Spinners.

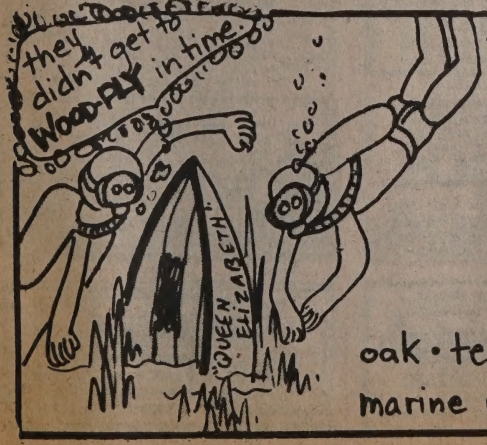
SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Joe at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** says the fluking has been excellent at Ambrose channel and in Jamaica Bay at Floyd Bennet and also at the Ambrose Light ridge. Fish are averaging 3 to 4 lbs. on spearing, squid and sandeels. Weaks are a pick at the Can along with small blues. For bigger blues its 17 Fathoms, The Farms. The last few days bait and chum are also being used daytime. Blacks starting to show.

Capt. Walt of the **Flamingo III** reports generally good to very good bluefishing all week locally with a fair number of weakfish still mixed in. Wed. and Thurs. they had giant blues of 14 to 17 lbs. at 17 Fathoms on bait and chum. Bonito and Albacore are scattered amongst the catch.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports surf action is slow but most fisherman working any beach area can pick away at fluke, porgies, blowfish, weaks, and snappers, using suitable baits. Crabs off the piers are a good bet. Large weaks and some big blues hitting single tubes at Norton's Point. Six to eight lb. weaks in Great Kills Harbor on drifted worms are another best bet.



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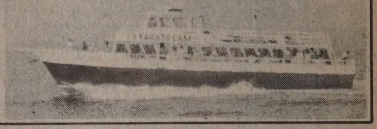

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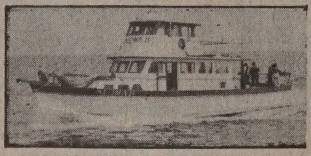

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North Shore Report

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Capt. Pte Pearson of the **Klondike VII** reported excellent blue fishing except for one lone picky day. A couple of 2000 fish trips early in the week. A lot of anglers with quantities in the 20 and 30's. High hook each day was in the 40's. Most are 2 to 5 lbs occasionally some larger ones to 12 lbs or so. A few bonito mixed in as well as some weaks. All on jigs. Pete took a busmans holiday last Monday fishing out of Montauk with some friends. They hit 15 school tuna plus a 350 lb mako.

CITY ISLAND

Greg Warner at **City Island Bait & Tackle** reported sporadic action with less than spectacular results. Still, there was a pick of bass on cut bunker and worms plus a few blues on bunker. Bass were schoolies with some fish to 16 lbs. while blues were 8-10 lbs. Snapper action remains steady, and there are sand porgies off Sands Point.

Pete Anderson said that the **North Star** has had 6 or 7 good trips in a row, but that last Friday and Saturday nights were "real leap jobs" on blues in the 2-4 lb. class. Pool winner on Friday, the better of the two nights, was a fish over 8 lbs. On Friday, the high hook was around 50 blues, while Saturday night's catches ran 10-30 fish per rod. Anderson was chumming the fish off the Norwalk Islands opposite Smithtown. Daytime porgy fishing was picky on Saturday, but very good on Sunday. Fish were 1 lb. average size, and there were two hours of solid fishing till things dropped off.

GLEN COVE

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** said snapper fishing varied from day to day, but the larger snappers were "big enough to be worth fishing for." Flounder catches are already starting, but schoolie bass are the big news. All rocky points seem to be productive and fish run from legal size to somewhat over 6 lbs. Poppers produce just before dark and bunker chunks are also reliable. On Saturday, Jan Chybinski and Steve Alijewicz came off Peacock Point with 9 blues plus 2 bass 8 and 9 lbs. Off Morgan jetty catching one's own bunker could produce blues in the 10-16 lb. class. Pete Liotta's 18 lb. 3 oz. slammer, taken on August 24, still leads the contest at the Glen Cove Shop.

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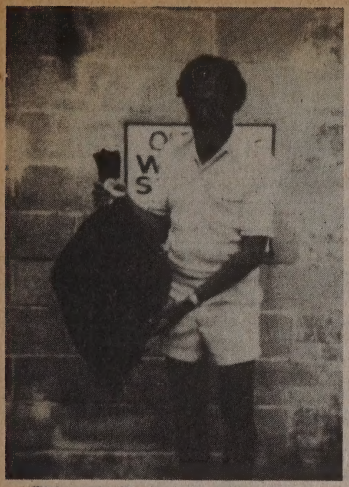

This 13½ lb. doormat was taken on an umbrella rig at Eaton's Neck by Alan Reinitz. It was weighed at Four Winds Bait & Tackle.

HUNTINGTON

According to George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait & Tackle,** fluke fishing is now breaking into the news off Eaton's, and there were some outstanding catches on outgoing water before the weekend. Porgy fishing is excellent off Buoy 13 and off the Lilco platform. On Thursday, Jim Schneider and Mike Moran took 16 fluke from 2-5 lbs. on fluke belly strips. Porgy fishermen at buoy 13 pulled bass of 10 and 14 lbs. on clam slices. Blues at Eaton's are generally 2-6 lbs. with 7-8 lb. fish out by buoy 11B. Wire line trollers at buoy 13 were seeing bass to 15 lbs. plus large blues.

Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** told us that TriFin jigs and white jelly worms were still producing weaks into the hours of darkness. Blues off Makamah were generally small, but some 5-6 lbers. were present. Biggest fluke of the week weighed 7 lbs.

Billy Collins said that the **Ever Ready** had the same "really good" report as last week. He'll be making those productive night trips as long as the fish hold up and as long as the fares keep coming. Local bluefishing action is "great" with a mix of fish in 2-8 lb. sizes, while a run to the

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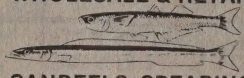

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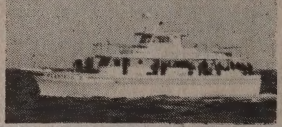

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Connecticut side of the Sound will produce fish to 15 lbs. Nighttime trips were producing some fluke to 5 lbs. along with weaks and blues, and there were still a few weaks taken on daytime runs.

NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** felt that most anglers are fishing fluke in the Eaton's Triangle as a change from the weaks and blues. Bowman weighed fish of 7½ and 9½ lbs. last week. He warned anglers looking for exact hotspots that the Coast Guard changed the location of buoy 13 just last week. Buoy 11B is hot for porgies and there are snappers in the harbor. Fluke anglers are well advised to drop a rod over for weaks and to troll lots of line on drifts. Tiger tails are still "the" weakfish lure.

KINGS PARK

Helen Koliner at **OK Bait and Tackle** was still seeing loads of 2-3 lb. blues taken on Rebels. Daytime action was consistent, but best times were dawn and dusk. One 8 lb. weak was weighed at the shop, and there are loads of porgies also coming into the station. Some of the scup were nice size.

PORT JEFFERSON

Tim Caraftis at **Caraftis Fishing Station** said that fluking off Saltaire in 20' of water was still pretty good for 2-3 lb. fish and trollers were finding a few blues mixed with the 3-5 lb. fish off buoy 11. Porgies were still off Oldfield and Crane's, and there are snappers for the kids.

MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** figured there were plenty of blues along the

Bobby Cannon with 2 of 5 weaks from 7½ to 10 lbs. taken in "The Eaton's Neck Triangle." Photo courtesy of Bowman's Sporting Goods.

bach at buoy 9 for trollers and diamond jiggers. Some bonito mixed with them. There were fluke in some areas, and hot activity began on Thursday, even spreading to the Breakwater on Friday, when winds prevented many anglers from fluking further off. Porgy fishing is for small and mixed size fish.

North Fork Report

by Martin Garrell

AQUEBOGUE

George at **Warren's Tackle Center** suggested trolling for 3-3½ lb. bluefish off buoy 5 in the Sound as the way to spend the day.

MATTITUCK

Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** was seeing good catches of porgies from 1/2 to 2 lbs., with most of the larger fish taken early in the day. Scup are located from the bell buoy on in and there are lots of small blues to 2 lbs. off the Beachcomber. Fluke to 6 lbs. along with some big weakfish have been showing up with the porgy catches, but nobody is fishing for the tiderunners or summer flounder deliberately. As a result, many large fish have been dropped by the porgy crowds.

NEW SUFFOLK

Newt Robbins at **Captain Jim's** weighed a 5½ lb. weak on Sunday, a sign that there are some larger fish

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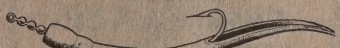

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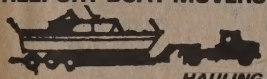

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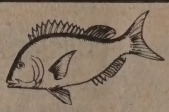

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mixed with the summer run now. The Tower is as productive as anywhere. The last two weeks have been the best in five years on blowfish, and there are a few kingfish mixed with the porgy catches, too. One or two fluke have barely been keepers.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** was still looking at mighty porgy catches. One crew from Trenton, William Snead, William Snead, Jr., Wynn Bagget, and Josh Brunkage slugged in 600 porgies to 2 lbs. plus 4 weaks to 4 lbs. from the area west of Robins. A few fluke from the Tower pushed the scales to nearly 7 lbs., and there were 2 weakfish this week from Rose's that went over 8 lbs., taken on squid and sand worms. Loria cautions that, although several boats had catches to 15 weaks, not everybody hits them.

SOUTHOLD

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** described a quiet scene on fluke with a few fish at the west end of Petty's off the Orient Station. Porgy fishermen in the Bight are pulling nice 1-1½ lb. fish, and there are flounder east of the Station off the Traps. Black at the Light are generally small. Bay action is spread all over with buoy 4 off Cedar Pt. producing the best porgy sizes and numbers. South Ferry, buoys 16 and 17 and also coming up porgies with some small blackfish in the Brickyard and a few kingfish around Buoy 17.

Coe Harris at **Southold Bait & Tackle** described good beach action on blues to 3 lbs. and suggested that the larger fish were out beyond the Two Mile buoys. Long Beach is starting to produce fall flounder.

GREENPORT

John at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** told us fluking was slacking off now (Gardiner's was dead), but flounder action at the Orient Ferry and Petty's was good. Blues are in Pigeon Rip and the Fisher's Island Race with the 6-10 lb. class well represented. There are some larger porgies south of Plum Island, but the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star** have found the best bet to be the humpbacks on the distant Dumping Grounds.

A few big blackfish are showing among the small ones off Plum Island now, reported Anna May Rainis from the **Blue Albatross.** Saturday's charter hauled an 11¾ lb. tautog aboard, along with a catch of porgies to 2 lbs. Although fares on the weekday open boat trip on Wednesday did pull 50 fluke, that action has slowed, and the boat will be doing some "mixed bag fishing" from now on.

South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SHINNECOCK

Speck's Bait and Tackle tells of decent fluking in Shinnecock Canal and Shinnecock Bay with several more weeks of fluke still to come. Spearing/sandeel combos appear to be working best. Snappers all over the place on small tins and on shiners under a float. Good sized porgies in the Peconics for shore and boat fishermen, fish running 1 to 2 lbs on clam and worm. Fluke in Noyac Bay off the Monastery on squid and sand eels along with 4 to 5 lb. weaks on squid strips or worms. Gardiner's is producing some porgies at Great Pond, Cherry Harbor, and Eastern Plains. A few bass from teen fish through the 20's south of the inlet on live eels both day and night.

The Capt. Clark II reports porgy fishing in Peconic Bay was slow this past week due to strong northeast

winds early in the week. The latter part of the week was better, as evidenced by Brooklyn angler Joe Stanford with 48 porgies on Sunday. Joe also took the pool with a 2 lb. weakfish. On Sat. Sept. 5th the boat will make an ocean wreck trip for seabass, blacks, and porgies and will be doing this several times a week after Labor Day. Watch ad and column for details.

NOYAC

Helen at **Noyac Marina** tell of weakfish from 2 to 4 lbs being caught from Short Beach drifting squid strips on a hi-low rig. Medium porgies off Short Beach, worms working best on both tides. Lots of snappers around. Fluke spotty in the same area. The marina is now closed Wednesdays until Spring.

SAG HARBOR

Capt Arty Lach of the **Wilhelric II** rates his fluke fishing as good to excellent all week with some days better than others. Averages 4-12 keepers per man with many fish 2 to 5 lbs with the daily pool running 6 to 7 lbs. On the porgy trips, big porgies are the target in the New London area where catches average 1 to 2 buckets per man. These are medium to super jumbos. Starting Sept. 7th, fluke days will be Tues. and Thurs. only with the rest of the week being devoted to porgies.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

It seems that a steady onslaught of winds out of the north and east lasat week, combined with a drop in water temperature, have begun to stir some life into the Long Island surf scene. However slight the change has been, it is nevertheless a step in the right direction and a sure sign that September is with us. Look for continued improvement in the weeks ahead if nights remain cool and particularly, if a good nor'easter should pass through our area. Mullet could make a showing around the inlets as early as this week.

Interested casters should make note of a LIBBA Board of Directors meeting scheduled for September 10 at 8PM in Bondi's Tavern, located on Montauk Highway in Patchogue. Anyone interested in the functions of this organization is welcome to attend.

Speaking from his Seaford Bait and Tackle Shop, Lon Wanser told me he weighed in bass of 16 and 18 lbs. for Phil Bella of Massapequa on Thursday. Phil reported to Lon that he took the fish on bunker chunks at Gilgo. Lon also relayed word of lots of small bluefish taken a couple of nights near the end of last week at West End Jones Beach. Most were in the 3-4 lb. range and the fish readily took both plugs and tins.

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Apparently the fish were spread along a wide stretch of beach as the same fish as well as some up to 5 lbs. were taken in the wash in front of parking field 2 during the day and in the evening. Over at the Sore Thumb some nice weaks up to 9 lbs. being taken on live snappers. Tinker mackerel were in evidence there also this week.

Out in the Moriches Area Dick who runs Dicks Bait and Tackle in Mastic Beach said that while the overall fishing was picky there are at least some signs of life this week. He spoke of a little action with school bass from 4-10 lbs. on the west jetty of Moriches Inlet. Fish were picked on tins during

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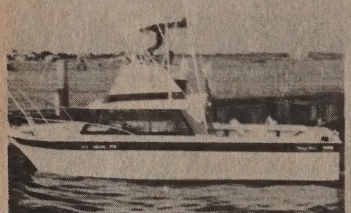

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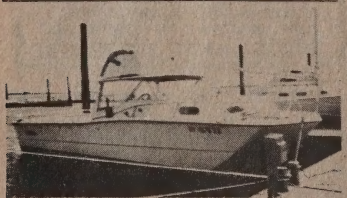

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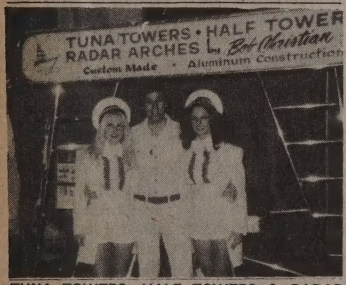

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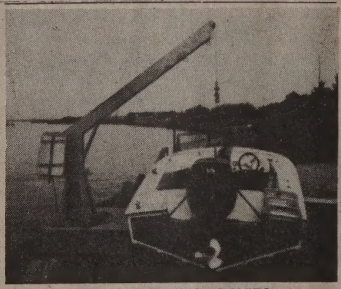

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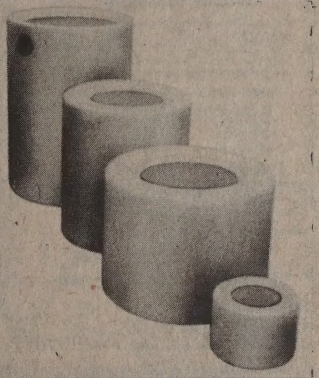

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the evening hours. Blues from 2-4 lbs. were scattered along a 7 mile stretch of beach from the pavilion to the inlet.

At Speck's Bait and Tackle in Shinnecock, Thom spoke of a bass or two at the inlet jetty on eels and bunker. Fish are in the teen and 20 lb. class Ocean beaches in the area have been quiet.

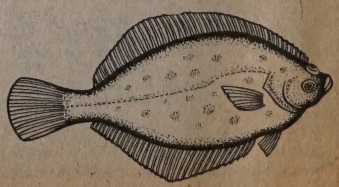
After a couple of very dismal weeks, the picture at Montauk improved slightly . Johnny Kronuch of Johnny's Bait and Tackle told of action with small blues up front fromk Tuesday through Thursday. Young Joey Reagan Jr. capped off the action on Thursday morning with a 21 lber. near the Lighthouse. Over the weekend, Ted Shane reported some small stripers at Browns, while an 8 lb. weak was taken near North Bar. Plenty of bait in the form of snappers, spearing and sand eels added John.

Moving over the North Shore, LIF contributor Andy Regina reported a catch of 6 blues to 12 lbs. taken on a jointed Rebel at Hunters Island Saturday night.

Ronnie Ferrao of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle** in Huntington knew of a couple small bass taken along the Causeway by casters this past week. They were taken on both small Rebels and sand worms floated with a bobber. No word of any blues or weaks along local Sound beaches despite the excellent fishing being enjoyed by boatmen.

From Mt. Sinai, Dick of Dick's Sporting Goods, said that bluefish in the 4-5 lb. range along with an occasional bonito continued to be a good possibility any time of the day although he would give evenings the edge in the fishing. Action stretches from Sound Beach to Miller Place as has been the case for most of the season. One angler scored with a few husky school bass from 10-12 lbs. on Trifin spoon jigs with a green tail. Some small bunker showing along the beaches combining with the ever-present hordes of sand eels. Dick noted that non-resident parking regulations in the area are usually relaxed the week after Labor Day.

From his Rocky Point Fishing Stop Stan said the surf has been relatively quiet with the only action being some blues making an occasional showing in the early AM or evening. Fish can range anywhere from 2 up to 12 lbs. Stan did say that loads of bait in the way of spearing, sand eels and snappers are along the beach and he expects a good blow should get things rolling. He also mentioned that he heard rumors of a good showing of bass at Westhampton this past week. I was unable to substantiate the reports however.



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How to use tide tables:

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FRI.	12:00	12:35	1:00	1:25	12:55	1:25	1:55	2:20	3:40	3:50	3:40	4:00	12:05	12:35	9/4
SAT.	12:45	1:20	1:45	2:15	1:35	2:05	2:45	3:10	4:20	4:30	4:30	4:50	12:50	1:25	9/5
SUN.	1:30	2:05	2:35	3:10	2:20	2:50	3:40	4:05	5:10	5:20	5:20	5:40	1:45	2:20	9/6
MON.	2:20	3:00	3:35	4:05	3:15	3:45	4:40	5:00	6:10	6:20	6:15	6:40	2:45	3:15	9/7
TUE.	3:25	4:05	4:35	5:05	4:20	4:45	5:40	5:55	7:50	7:20	7:15	7:35	3:45	4:15	9/8
WED.	4:30	5:00	5:35	6:00	5:25	5:45	6:30	6:40	8:50	8:25	8:10	8:25	4:40	5:05	9/9
THUR.	5:35	6:00	6:25	6:50	6:20	6:35	7:20	7:30	9:30	9:20	9:00	9:15	5:35	5:55	9/10

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	+0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

9/4	6:38	7:29
9/5	6:29	7:27
9/6	6:30	7:25
9/7	6:31	7:24
9/8	6:32	7:22
9/9	6:33	7:20
9/10	6:34	7:18

Moonrise/Moonset

9/4	12:10PM	10:48PM
9/5	1:08PM	11:22PM
9/6	2:04PM	—
9/7	2:59PM	12:00AM
9/8	3:51PM	12:45AM
9/9	4:40PM	1:34AM
9/10	5:25PM	2:30AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
9/28	9/6	9/14	9/20

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	9:20	3:10	9:45	3:30
Fri.	10:05	3:55	10:35	4:20
Sat.	10:55	4:45	11:20	5:05
Sun.	11:45	5:35	—	6:00
Mon.	12:15	6:20	12:30	6:40
Tues.	12:55	7:00	1:10	7:30
Wed.	1:45	7:50	2:00	8:15
Thurs.	2:30	8:40	2:50	9:05

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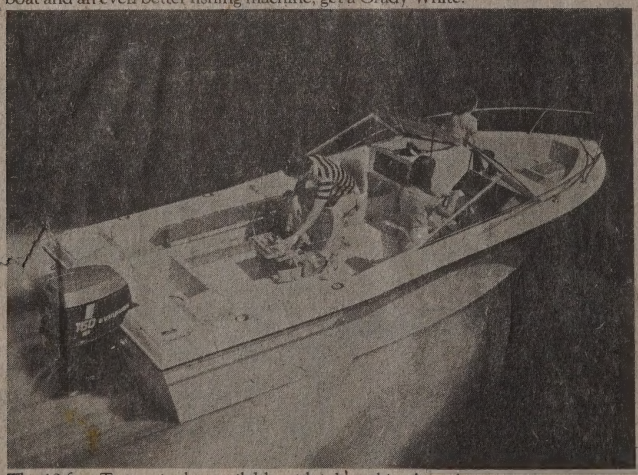

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